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BACK TO SCHOOL

Classes 9-12 from Aug 23 in dists with low positivity rate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE government is planning to reopen schools for Classes 9 to 12 from August 23 in districts that have less than 2 per cent Covid positivity rate, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday after a Covid review meeting. Detailed standard operating procedures on conducting classes will be issued soon. Also, these districts will not have any Covid-related restrictions, he added.

The SOP on reopening schools will specify the number of students per class and the vaccination plan for parents, teaching and non-teaching staff. If the Covid-positivity rate goes above 2 per cent, schools have to be shut for a week and reopened only after proper sanitisation, he said.

No lockdown in Bengaluru

The government is not thinking of imposing a lockdown in Bengaluru as the Covid-positivity rate is at 0.75 per cent. BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta has been given full powers and instructed to monitor Covid cases every day.

"Now, beds are vacant. If 40 per cent of oxygenated beds are occupied, the government will consider taking further action to control cases," Bommai said.

This time, the focus is on the health of children, as there is a fear that they would be affected the most during the Covid third wave. P9

CM shuns zero traffic

In what comes as a huge relief to motorists in Bengaluru, CM Basavaraj Bommai has refused zero-traffic privileges for himself, asking the police to consider him as a "common man", and ensure that ambulance movement is given priority. P7

Towards the end of first wave, the State was reporting only around 200 cases per day. The present situation is way more alarming

Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Taliban advance further, at Kabul's doorstep

Afghan President Ghani says he won't give up achievements of past 20 yrs, expresses hope that peace talks will succeed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE Taliban on Saturday continued its aggressive offensive, taking two more provinces and reached the outskirts of Afghan capital Kabul. With the capture of Asadabad, the capital of Kunar province, and Sharan in Paktika province, 20 out of Afghanistan's 34 provincial capitals are now under the militia's control.

Late in the night, Mazar-e-Sharif, the fourth-largest city, also fell to the Taliban.

Amid speculation that he would resign and leave the country along with family, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday said he would not give up the progress the country has made in the past 20 years of non-Taliban rule.

In his television address to the nation, he listed remobilisation of troops as his top priority. He also said consultations were taking place both domestically and abroad to end the war and that the results would be known soon.

"I will not let the imposed war on people cause more deaths. I have started extensive consultations inside the government with the elders, political leaders, representatives of people, and international partners on achieving a reasonable and certain political solution," he said.

Abdullah Abdullah, the chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation, is taking part in the Doha peace talks aimed at ending the war. According to reports, the Afghan government has seen the writing on the wall and is keen to stitch together a peace deal to end the conflict.

If current trends continue, the Taliban could take Kabul earlier than projected. But there is also a possibility of the militia deciding not to attack the capital but surround it from all sides, cut supplies and force it to surrender.

Meanwhile, the main radio station in Kandahar, which fell to the insurgents earlier this week, was renamed Voice of Sharia, or Islamic law, the Associated Press reported. The station will no longer play music and Quran recitations will be mandatory, it added. P11,13

US troops

A fresh contingent of Marines arrived in Kabul on Saturday as part of a 3,000-troop force intended to secure an airlift of US Embassy personnel and Afghan allies

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Bombay HC stays parts of new IT Rules

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

UPHOLDING media's right to Freedom of Speech, the Bombay High Court on Saturday stayed two subsections of the Information Technology (Guidelines for Intermediaries & Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, which mandated publishers to adhere to a Code of Ethics as prescribed by it.

Staying subsections 9(1) and 9(3), the bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice G S Kulkarni, said: "Insofar as Rule 9 is concerned, we found it prima facie to be an intrusion of the petitioners' rights under Article 19(1) (a). Therefore, we have stayed clauses 9(1) and 9(3). The rule is not stayed in its entirety."

The bench passed the interim order on the petitions filed by AGIJ Promotion of Nineteenonea Media Pvt. Ltd, which runs a legal news portal, and journalist Nikhil Wagle.

PART OF RULE 9 STAYS: COURT

The bench made it clear that the rule was not stayed in entirety. Also, Rule 9(2), which warns publishers of action for violating laws, remains operational

While subsection 9(1) mandates publishers to adhere to the norms of Journalistic Conduct of the Press Council of India under the Press Council Act, 1978, and Programme Code under section 5 of the Cable TV Networks Regulation Act, 1995, clause 9(2) envisages a three-tier redress mechanism in case of violation.

The bench turned down Additional Solicitor General's request for a stay of the order. It also refused to stay rules 14 and 16 of the guidelines.

NATIONWIDE	AUG 13	AUG 14	KARNATAKA	AUG 13	AUG 14
Fresh cases	40,120	38,667	Fresh cases	1,669	1,632
Recoveries	45,295	35,743	Recoveries	1,672	1,612
Deaths	585	478	Deaths	22	25

EXPRESS READ

August 14 to be Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi announced on Saturday that August 14 will now be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, and said the pain of Partition can never be forgotten. P11

Twitter unlocks accounts of Rahul Gandhi, Congress

New Delhi: Twitter on Saturday restored the account of Rahul Gandhi, alongside those of the Congress and other leaders, amid an ongoing tiff between the social media platform and the party. P11

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ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Shivapura

Late Thirumale Gowda had converted his house into an office for meetings to organise Dwaja Satyagraha at Shivapura village | SHRIRAM BN

SHIVAPURA FOUGHT HARD TO HOIST FLAG IN 1938

IF you are travelling from Bengaluru to Mysuru by road, you cannot miss the mega Shivapura Soudha right next to the highway with the Tricolour flying on top. Though hundreds of people go past the landmark every day, what many don't know is the crucial role this village played in the country's freedom struggle.

In 1938, soon after the Congress convention at Haripura in Gujarat that was presided over by Subhas Chandra Bose, people from the then Mysuru State were inspired to hold a similar convention in Mysuru and to hoist the national flag, which was banned by the British. The Mysuru administration, sensing trouble, issued orders banning any public meetings or gatherings to stop Dhwaja Satyagraha -- the movement to hoist the flag.

The then president of Indian Congress from Mysuru State, T Siddalingaiah, and others had initially planned to hoist the flag at Nanjangud or Srirangapatna as people could reach these towns easily because of good rail connectivity. But when some local residents raised concerns, a young HK Veeranna Gowda offered to organise the event and to hoist the national flag at Shivapura.

Proceeding with the plan, Veeranna sought the help of Thirumale Gowda, an excise contractor and landlord at Shivapura. Thirumale Gowda, who did not associate himself with either the British or the Mysuru administration, agreed to host freedom fighters. "Veeranna Gowda, along with his wife, toured outside the Mysuru province till Ballari to invite people to take part in Dhwaja Satyagraha," BR Srinivasa Murthy, an octogenarian and a close associate of Veeranna Gowda, told *The New Sunday Express*.

The organisers had chosen a 60-foot-tall arecanut tree to be used as a flagpole which had to be chopped and carried from a nearby village. As the organisers did not want the tree trunk to touch the ground which would have meant dishonouring it, they carried it on three bullock carts.

The ceremony was fixed for 9 am on April 9, 1938, and the flag was to be hoisted by Siddalingaiah. But on that day, Mysuru police took him into custody. MN Jois, who too was attending the event, pulled the string, unfurling the flag exactly at 9 am.

"The freedom fighters wanted to hoist the flag for three days, but the ceremony continued for many more days as a large number of people came to see the flag. Women sat around the flagpole protecting it, while 600 policemen were stationed at the spot," Murthy said.

Thirumale Gowda's help came as a blessing for freedom fighters as he gave nine acres of his land to hold the flag-hoisting ceremony.

He also let his residence to be used as an office by the organisers, and his bungalow with many rooms accommodated a large number of women coming from different parts of the State. The bungalow that was built in 1919 still stands strong.

Hardly a few people who witnessed the historic moment are alive today. Bhadrayya, who is 93 years old, is one of them. He was just 10 when the Dwaja Satyagraha was held. He recollects that there were at least 10,000 people from different parts of Mysuru State and country taking part in the flag-hoisting ceremony.

"I was a little boy and I was happy to see so many people in our village. The elders in our village told us to chant Ene Barali Oggattirali (let us stand united come what may) and we would get mithai (sweets) from them. One day, as we were shouting the slogan, the police rounded us up and left us near Maddur canal. We all walked back to the village," he recalled.

The Shivapura Soudha to commemorate the historic event was inaugurated on September 26, 1979.

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Satyagraha Soudha was constructed to commemorate the Shivapura Dhwaja Satyagraha of 1938 | SHRIRAM BN

THE GARLANDS THAT CEMENTED THE SOUDHA

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Shivapura

THE State Government, headed by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, recently issued an order banning garlands and bouquets at all government programmes. But, in the 1970s, garlands helped in sourcing funds for the construction of the Satyagraha Soudha in Shivapura.

For a layman, Shivapura, located 5 km north of Maddur, might look like any other village. But a history buff will tell you that this sleepy village, located adjacent to the busy Bengaluru-Mysuru highway, is home to an inspiring monument of India's freedom struggle -- the Satyagraha Soudha, built to commemorate the Shivapura Dhwaja (flag) Satyagraha of 1938.

One of the participants in the satyagraha was Kengal Hanumanthaiah, who was 30 years old then. Hanumanthaiah went on to become the chief minister of Mysore State between 1952 and 1956. He was also instrumental in building the other soudha -- Vidhana Soudha -- the seat of Karnataka's legislature.

In the early 1970s, Hanumanthaiah, by now a Member of Parliament, was travelling to Mysuru from Bengaluru, and as he was crossing Shivapura, he came up with the idea of constructing a memorial to commemorate the satyagraha.

Former Maddur council president BR Srinivasa Murthy (83), who was heading the Satyagraha Soudha Committee, told The New Sunday Express that a Mumbai-based architect quoted ₹80 lakh to construct the soudha. Hanumanthaiah, however, deployed a local architect, who quoted just ₹13.5 lakh -- still a huge sum then.

The then Devaraj Urs government sanctioned Rs 5 lakh towards the construction of the monument, and the local civic body gave another Rs 5 lakh. However, there was still a fund crunch.

At the foundation-laying ceremony of the soudha, T Narasipur MLA Kariyappa, who was welcoming the dignitaries, got up to garland Hanumanthaiah. The latter, however, refused to accept the garland, and in a split second said, "I am going to auction this garland!"

"Kariyappa, who owned the famous T Narasipura Transport Service, won the auction and paid Rs 1,001 for the garland... and this money went towards the construction of the monument," recalls Murthy.

Hanumanthaiah took a pledge of not accepting any garlands till the Shivapura soudha work was complete. "Wherever he went, people would welcome him with garlands – made of flowers, pearls, sandalwood etc.... He would auction them and the money collected would go to the Shivapura Dwaja Smaraka Trust. In four years, the trust collected Rs 5 lakh and the monument was inaugurated in 1979," he added.

Once an inspiring monument, the soudha has now become a picture of sheer neglect. Hanumanthaiah wanted to turn the structure into a meaningful place by displaying pictures of freedom fighters to educate the future generations on the struggle for Independence and also wanted to set up a library. "But nothing has been done," rues Murthy.

The monument is under the care of the local municipality and the Public Works Department. It is opened to the public once a year -- on August 15. A visitor entering the structure will find no evidence of the satyagraha except for a few portraits of Mahatma Gandhi, Hanumanthaiah and Thirumale Gowda, who donated the land on which the monument stands.

Outside the monument, one can find an open drain running through the garden maintained by the horticulture department. "Doors are missing... window panes are broken... no one from the government is doing anything to protect the structure," rues a resident.

"Earlier, children used to be taken to the monument as part of school tours. But it stopped 10 years ago. The place has become a hub for anti-social activities. The State should take steps to restore the lost glory of the soudha," says Shivakumar.

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LOOKING AHEAD: STATE'S E-FUTURE VIEW FROM THE 75th I-DAY

NIRAD MUDUR @Bengaluru

AS Karnataka enters the 75th year of India's independence, it stands well-poised to exploit its advantages of being a technology hub. The aim? To improve a range of parameters from health and education to upping its gross state domestic product (GSDP) and per capita income, and almost everything in between.

As we are already increasing our dependence on a slew of apps and digital technologies to meet our daily needs and services, that very dependence could likely help meet the intended objectives justifying our rights enshrined in our Constitution — right to life, good health and education — and, in turn, fulfil the values of our long-cherished independence.

Heading towards futuristic technologies, this is increasingly becoming a world of apps, sensors, robotics and artificial intelligence. It is shrinking the wireless human society while expanding its seamless footprint.

Technology is already being used in health monitoring. It is also increasing its support in improving nutrition. Education apps in various languages are already making it easy for even children to access material that was earlier out of reach for them.

Sensors linked to apps can inform genetic make-up of an individual to warn them about predetermined diseases or health conditions to help pre-empt its onset and increase longevity.

There are apps that help in mitigating depressions and anxieties also.

What is required is a body of experts to monitor and regulate developments of such apps and technologies and channelise them towards areas of needs on a larger scale to ensure people's needs in even the remotest corners of the state are met.

Karnataka is well-poised because it is already home to the fourth largest technology cluster in the world with 34 operational special economic zones (SEZs) as of October 2020, according to a report by India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF).

With its exports in electronics and computer software reaching US $81.4 billion in FY20 and US $38.8 billion in FY21, respectively (until November 2020), it is accounting for 85 per cent share in the overall exports. The state is well in position to push for smart apps and technologies to improve conditions here to set an example for others to follow.

To resume from here on startup, nurseries need to be further encouraged to increase the number of startups and push technological frontiers for applications in human domains to improve health, wealth and happiness (the three are not always linked).

For world renowned historian and professor in the Department of History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Yuval Noah Harari, in his book Homo Deus: A Brief History Of Tomorrow, the increasingly digitised world may be a cause for concern. Karnataka could flip the coin with an eye on achieving the principles of a welfare state.

KARNATAKA: A STATE OF POSITIVE GROWTH

Significant strides were made on the health and economy fronts

From 1947 to 2021, life expectancy at birth increased from 37 to 70 years for males, and from 38 to 72 years for females

Infant mortality rate declined from as high as 150/1,000 live births in 1947, to around 22/1,000 live births in 2021

Literacy rate, which was under 12% around 1947, rose to 75.36% as per the 2011 census

At current prices, the state's GSDP stands at ₹18.03 lakh crore in 2020-21, increasing at a CAGR of 8.47% between 2015-16 and 2021-22. Its Gross Per-Capita Income at current prices stands at ₹2,49,947 as of 2020-21

Shri. Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

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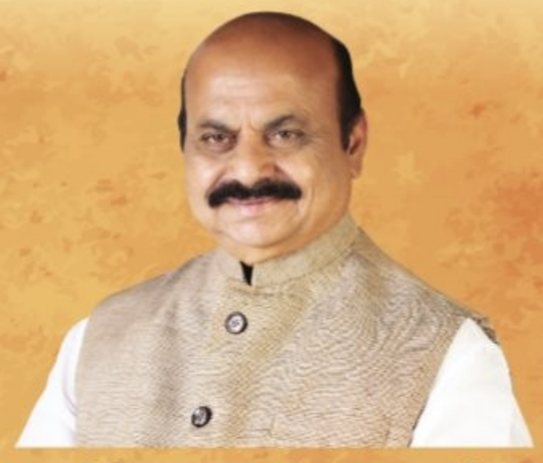

Shri. Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

" We are indeed very fortunate that we are entering into75 years of Freedom; a freedom that the country waited for centuries. Just the way proponents of Freedom had joined hands for the cause, we have to come together for the development of the country. We have to live for the country, work for the country... and in that, even the smallest of efforts too produce big results. We can contribute to nation building by being 'Vocal for Local' and promote our industries and economy at all levels."

-Narendra Modi

"The future depends on what you do today."
– Mahatma Gandhi

"Karnataka has played an important role in the freedom struggle with Kittur Rani Chennamma, Rani Abbakka, Krantiveera Sangoli Rayanna and others leading by example. Today we have to dedicate ourselves to make certain that our efforts focus on Farmers, Women, Socio-Economically Backward sections of the society so that "Swarajya to Surajya" is achieved. Along with the Government, Industries, Businesses, Corporations and the like need to join hands to ensure Inclusive Development."

– Basavaraj S. Bommai

As is enshrined in our Constitution to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

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- Action has been taken to construct **60** Gobardhan units

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- **5** laboratories received NABL accreditation
- Upgradation of **77** water testing laboratories
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Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, **Sri K. S. Eshwarappa** participates in departmental programme.

KARNATAKA'S TRYST WITH FREEDOM STRUGGLE

Freedom fighters from Issur were felicitated after their release from Central Jail in Bengaluru

Issur gave its blood, still awaits attention

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

Mere mention of the name kindles a sense of patriotism, determination and passion. Issur village in Shivamogga district, also known as Eesuru, has a rich legacy of being in the forefront of the fight from freedom. Hundreds of men and women from this village were jailed and five of the freedom fighters were hanged at the Bengaluru central prison in 1942. The reason: The village had declared itself independent from British rule. The villagers also stopped the government officials from entering the village and during a scuffle, a police official and a revenue official were killed.

The heroics of the Issur martyrs inspired many freedom fighters. There was a famous Kannada saying at that time which went, "Eshthooru kottaroo Eesuru kodalla" (Even if we give many places, we will not give Issur). But the rebellion had its repercussions for the village. The houses were looted, women and children harassed, after the British Army was sent in. Several men took shelter in the forests while many were arrested.

Despite the sacrifices, Issur is yet to get its due. For several decades, family members of martyrs and the freedom fighters who survived, have been raising their voice to tell the story of Issur's glorious freedom struggle. They hoped that there would be a monument on the lines of the Satyagraha Soudha of Shivapura in Mandya. The government had released ₹12 crore a few years ago for the betterment of the village, but the long-pending demand for a martyrs' memorial remained unheeded.

"A memorial for the Issur martyrs was planned when Indira Gandhi was Prime Minister. Even today, the small building has not been inaugurated. Is this the respect we are giving to our freedom fighters who laid down their lives for this country? Years after year and government after government kept making promises, but nothing happened. There is hardly anything that we can show visitors about the glorious rebellion that this village raised against the British," rues M S Satish Chandra, grandson of Durgoji Rao, a freedom fighter from Issur. "We want to make the village a place to visit for tourists, develop it on the lines of the Shivapura memorial or Rajghat in Delhi. Recently, the local administration and the leaders have assured that ₹5 crore will be released for construction of the memorial. But the amount is too less," he noted.

"One must not forget the sacrifice made by this village. The government must respect local sentiments and fulfill the demands. For many years, we have been waiting to see the construction of the memorial. At present, there is nothing but an old building and a stone memorial," said another resident.

More than 1,000 artisans are employed by KGUS at Hudli in Belagavi district

Hudli, a village inspired by Gandhian principles

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Hudli

A week-long stay by Mahatma Gandhi at Hudli in Belagavi district in 1937 has changed the face of this tiny village. It has undergone a radical change as the last one century was a time for social reform in Hudli. Despite having a thriving 100-year-old khadi industry, the residents here have been exploring other alternatives for a better life. Also, a large number of people have been joining the Armed forces with the sole objective of serving the nation. However, khadi industry, and also agriculture, continue to thrive. Belgaum Sugars, one of the noted sugar factories in the region, depends on the cane produced in Hudli.

"We don't have liquor shops in Hudli nor do the residents believe in any kind of superstition. The villagers firmly believe in Gandhi's ideologies and hopefully the coming generations will continue the tradition," says Eshwar Kulgod, production manager, Hudali Khadi Gramodyog Utpadak Sangh. Inspired by Gandhian ideologies of self-reliance, the residents of Hudli have taken the khadi industry to new heights. Freedom fighter Gangadhar Rao Deshpande-- who had brought Gandhi to Hudli--- turned the village into a khadi gram and since then, khadi production here has gained momentum. The establishment of Khadi Gramodyog Utpadak Sangh (KGUS) at Hudli in 1954 further led to the sector's growth. "The distinctive feature of khadi is its capability to provide earning opportunities to rural artisans. They earn at least Rs 200 a day by weaving khadi on a charaka. Many rural women in Hudli and surrounding villages are now self-reliant," says Raghavendra Ammanavar, joint secretary, Hudli Khadi Gramodyog Utpadak Sangh. More than 1,000 artisans are employed by KGUS, which sees an annual turnover of over Rs 2 crore. "With an objective of creating jobs for rural women, KGUS has started production of pickles, incense sticks, soaps, etc," says Ammanavar.

Gangappa Malagi (99), a freedom fighter and a resident of Hudli, has been associated with the Khadi Gramodyog as a member and chairman for more than five decades. "When he escorted Gandhiji into Hudali in 1937, Gandhiji called him 'acha bacha', impressed by his personality. My father stayed with Gandhiji for seven days," says Malagi's daughter Shantavva Khangani.

Impressed by the khadi manufacturing at rural homes in Hudli, leaders like Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Sarojini Naidu, Rajendra Prasad, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, and Kasturba Gandhi also came to Hudli along with Gandhi in 1937, says Shankar Upari, a resident.

Pujegere, 1.5km from Ankola, was selected as the venue for the Ankola Salt Satyagraha

Ankola proud of its role in Salt Satyagraha

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Ankola

April 13, 1930. A huge gathering of protesters, led by Congress leader MP Nadkarni, marched to the seashore near Ankola. They filled pots with seawater and salty sand, and brought them back to Ankola. They set up a makeshift oven with three stones, and heated the water until it became rock salt. The first bag of salt was auctioned, and Honnappa Devi Naik, a local, bought it for ₹30. This was how the 'Salt Satyagraha' unfolded in Karnataka, later snowballing into the biggest freedom movement in the South.

The Dandi March of March 1930 by Mahatma Gandhi motivated leaders to go into a huddle in Hubballi to achieve a similar feat here. Congressmen from Ankola, all belonging to the Nadavar community, had neither a great educational background nor monetary support. They insisted that the Satyagraha should be held in their coastal village. The Salt Satyagraha was decided much earlier when Congress leader Hanumantha Rao Koujalgi reported that Ankola was the most suitable place for Satyagraha in 1929. Local leaders chose Pujegere, 1.5km from Ankola, as the venue. The movement was scheduled for April 13, the anniversary of Jallianwala Bagh massacre. "It was not just limited to Salt Satyagraha, but also extended to 'No tax policy'. The credit goes to Congress leaders like Hammanna Govind Nayak Vandige, Bommayya Raku Gaonkar Basgod, Veeranna Bommayya Nayak Kangil and Basgod Rama Naik from Ankola," said Shantaram Nayak Hichkada, kin of one of the freedom fighters and author.

Other leaders who participated were Dr Hardekar, KA Venkataramaiah, MC Mathanda, Gudgeppa Halikeri, Tekur Subramanya (first Lok Sabha member from Ballari) and KT Bashyam. They were accommodated in a building owned by a trader, Ramakrishna Bhat. But the building was sealed by the police on April 11, and a few leaders were arrested. "Shyam Rao Shenvi ensured there was an alternative shelter for protest, which was a pandal meant for the marriage of his niece," said Shantaram Nayak.

When Hardekar, who was to arrive at 3 pm for the event, could not reach on time, Nadkarni and others took over and ensured it was a success. "The first day of the Satyagraha shook the British . A Customs officer, Steel, was heard telling police officer Collins that no government can stay if people revolt in such a manner," said historian Shamsunder Gouda.

This was followed by 'Jungle Satyagraha'. "The farmers were prevented from taking wood for from the forest. People entered the forests at Baleguli, and when police stopped them, they sat in a peaceful protest until the officers yielded," said Nayak.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Halagali Revolt

The Halagai Bedas, an indigenous community, were the first to rebel against the British over the introduction of the Arms Act. Halagali is located in Bagalkot district. The villagers, mostly hunters, revolted against the British in November 1857. After an officer was killed, the British troops set fire to the houses and shot many villagers. Jadaga and Bala, who led the Bedas, were among the 290 villagers taken into custody. The duo was awarded death sentence along with 11 others.

Banappa Park, B'luru

In 1937, Congress leader and Bombay Mayor K F Nariman had come to Bengaluru to deliver a speech at Banappa Park where over 30,000 people had assembled. Even before Nariman could walk towards the stage, the British police took him away. Irked, the crowed started agitating. The next day, more people gathered to raise their voice against the British, making it one of the first revolt of Bengalureans against the Raj. A couple of people died in police firing.

Subbrayanakere, Mysuru

Subbarayanakere on Narayana Shastry Road in Mysuru was where freedom fighters held meetings and planned the freedom struggle. Historians and freedom fighters remember Mahatma Gandhi visiting the place and delivering a speech here, which later became a place for many to address the people and to listen to the speeches of freedom fighters. A freedom fighters' memorial and a bust of Gandhi is installed at the grounds.

Ramanna Shresthi Park, Shivamogga

Situated in the heart of Shivamogga, Ramanna Shreshti Park is known its Ganapati temple. During the freedom struggle, the park used to witness rallies and protests regularly. Freedom fighters would gather here and deliver speeches. Some freedom fighters would come in disguise to avoid arrest by the police and deliver speeches. One of those leaders is Shantaveri Gopala Gowda, who also evaded arrest by the police at this location.

GUEST COLUMN

'Freeing ourselves from bigotry a vital symbol of independence'

V K NATARAJ
Retired professor, Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore, and former director, Madras Institute of Development Studies

THERE was a time not too long ago when Independence Day was celebrated as a national festival. I have vivid memories of my school and early college days when families also celebrated the event with gaiety.

Over the years, though, one definite change has come over the Independence Day celebrations. Perhaps naturally, the early fervour and enthusiasm appear somewhat diluted. The sad part is somewhere else. We seem to be becoming more conscious of regional, linguistic, caste and other sub-national identities. The happenings in the recent past in Karnataka as well as in other parts of the country clearly point to this tendency. To put it somewhat technically, it looks as if we are not yet able to claim that the first stage of nation-building is complete. But this is not the whole story by any means.

There are several who speak of the country/nation in strident voices and demonstrate majoritarianism at its frightening worst. Any sensitive person ought to want to steer clear of bigotry, blind prejudice and, at the same time, be concerned for one's society. Given the context in which we live, our choice is getting limited. You are either drawn into the majoritarian fold or relegated to the category of 'anti-nationals', fearing that at any time a charge of sedition may be slapped on you.

The question is a simple one: Can I not be a concerned person worried for my society and yet be critical of what is going on? Is all criticism anti-national? Similarly, should love for my language necessarily get expressed as dislike, or worse, enmity towards other languages and cultures?

The net result is that patriotism in the right and civilised sense of that term gets morphed into hardened majoritarianism and love of one's language and culture finds expression as dislike of the other.

Our legislatures, which should be models of reasoned argument, have become anything but exemplars of civilised argument. Even worse is the spectacle of the accused in criminal cases being felicitated when they are granted bail. Any uninformed person should be forgiven for assuming that a world-beating sports team is being honoured.

Freeing ourselves from bigotry is probably the most vital symbol of independence which we need to strive for. And we appear determined to move away from that ideal, notwithstanding our invoking Gandhi all the time.

GUEST COLUMN

Karnataka: Balancing on the median

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INDIA is celebrating its 75th year Independence after a hard colonial rule. The euphoria of celebration is shared by all the states and individuals with gusto and fervor. Karnataka's participation in the Independence movement is well recorded in history and during the last 75 years, the state's contribution to the nation's overall development is exemplary.

Initially as Mysore state and after renaming as Karnataka by the late Devaraj Urs' government, the state did not stagger on the path of development despite severe constraints. Karnataka today stands as the technology nucleus of the country and is the forerunner of our electronic revolution. India is known as a technology giant due to the progress of the state. Bengaluru as well as the state is the destination for investors and the state has created *à la* mode infrastructure facilities. Besides, the state contributes significantly to the revenue pool of the Union Government and has shaped many opportunities for domestic entrepreneurs.

Reorganisation of the state of Karnataka brought together differential development cultures and thus, the state developed differentially across regions. Over the last six decades, the state demonstrated vibrant potential for growth, but could not achieve the set goals.

It was during the late 1980s that the government, headed by Ramakrishna Hegde, took the initiative to prepare a long-term perspective for the state which blueprinted the potential as well as paths for development. There is a very welcome culture with the state polity that irrespective of the political leanings, intellectual inputs have always played a significant role in policy-making. These inputs have made a significant difference in the growth path. There are certain natural constraints as well as the development issues that the state confronts historically. Despite these natural resource constraints like continuous visitations of drought and climatic aberrations, the state could always maintain above-average performance in a few development indicators.

Surprisingly, in any inter-state comparison across the country, Karnataka is always placed at the median level on most of the development indicators. Continuous development efforts and best intellectual inputs brought in quite a few growth drivers for the state, but these alone could not take it to the top bracket. At the same time, the unsurmountable natural constraints could not pull down the state towards the bottom and hence, the state managed to stay at a largely median level in any comparison across the development indicators. The potential for development of the state is certainly very high and soon the state will be bracketed among the most-developed states of the country.

During the last 64 years, Karnataka has achieved enviable growth through investments in agriculture, industry, information technology, infrastructure and other sectors. Even though the development experience of the state cannot be called as smooth and stable, it has recorded marked growth. The constraints have not deterred the state from recording its performance **(see graphic below).**

The per capita GSDP of the state consistently grew at about 5 per cent and at 7.09 per cent during the last decade. This is quite a satisfying picture. After an initial setback during the initial years in post the 90s, the state is once again on the rapid growth track with the boom in the IT sector which is probably less sustainable as the emphasis of the IT sector is disproportionately on software development. Such unidirectional growth drivers can confront a strong challenge, if, in the near future, the software platforms in the world change significantly.

Further, it is also noticed that the high growth in the past and the present has not been inclusive at the micro as well as regional levels. We have more than 20 per cent of the population living below the poverty line and Karnataka is lagging behind as compared with other states in terms of some basic human development indicators like education, health etc. This requires immediate attention on the policy front. The regional imbalances in development across the regions of the state also pose significant challenges. Besides, the budgetary resources are often used for politically motivated schemes in the name of welfare and that contradictorily staggers the gain of welfare of the masses.

Precious little has been done to iron out the already identified regional imbalances and hence, we have two pictures of Karnataka always hanging on our development wall — one with an information technology-led boom in development and another of a predominantly drought-affected rain-fed regions in the north with high density of bypassed groups vying for development initiatives.

Growth (ACGR) Performance of Karnataka Economy

Year	Agri	Industry	Service	Per Capita GSDP
1990-91 to 2000	4.44	7.99	9.12	5.62
2000-01 to 12-13	3.31	7.37	9.08	5.93
2011-12 to 19-20	3.84*	6.25*	8.84*	7.09

* Source: Based on CSO Data & DES, Karnataka at 2011-12 prices

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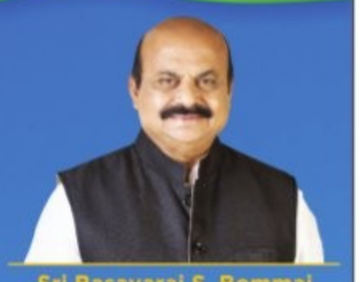
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Ration kits were distributed to Group-D workers of KC General Hospital on Saturday. The kits were donated by Minister of Higher Education Dr CN Ashwath Narayan and AXA Global Services. The kits were given to 130 employees

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

1,632 CASES REPORTED TODAY

TOTAL CASES: TODAY 29,28,033 | YESTERDAY 29,26,401

1,669 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

DEATHS: TODAY 25 | YESTERDAY 22

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until August 14, 2021, a total of 29,28,033 cases have been reported in 1 year and 155 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
1,612	1,672

Active cases

TODAY	22,698
YESTERDAY	22,703

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	7.18%
YESTERDAY	7.20%

The day positivity rate - **1.04%** is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of **100 tests** conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.26%
YESTERDAY	1.26%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	97.96%
YESTERDAY	97.96%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

377 BENGALURU URBAN

14 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalakote	2
Ballari	2
Belagavi	41
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagara	17
Chikkaballapura	8
Chikkamagaluru	53
Chitradurga	22
Dakshina Kannada	411
Davanagere	5
Dharwad	3
Gadag	0
Hassan	97
Haveri	1
Kalaburagi	3
Kodagu	77
Kolar	18
Koppala	3
Mandya	39
Mysuru	112
Raichuru	1
Ramanagara	3
Shivamogga	60
Tumakuru	43
Udupi	169
Uttara Kannada	49
Vijayapura	2
Yadagiri	0

City girl's agri startup wins award

Her team won the challenge for her company that helps players in food supply chain

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU girl Manasa Gonchigar is one of the 10 young winning entrepreneur teams of the agri-enterprise challenge S.O.L.V.E.D (Social Objectives-Led Volunteer Enterprise Developed), who were felicitated by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi recently.

The 25-year-old's team won the challenge for her startup company PureScan AI — a technology startup that helps players in the food supply chain, and also assists them in making informed decisions on food safety. This year, the International Youth Day theme focused on transforming food systems.

Expressing her happiness on winning the challenge, Manasa told TNIE that her company is preparing an optical device — Afla Scan — which does rapid aflatoxin assessment of maize, chillies and peanuts.

"Aflatoxin can easily affect crops and has shown high presence in peanuts, maize, dry fruits and sunflower. This contributes to immunosuppressive health effects of the body, leading to stunted growth and malnutrition," explains the IIT-Madras graduate.

Born and brought up in Bengaluru and granddaughter of a farmer, Manasa said she had a good understanding of agriculture and while studying applied physics at IIT-Madras, she developed a keen interest in interdisciplinary work. Her co-founder Ayush Nigam's expertise in the agritech space, through his startup firm 'Distinct Horizon', led them in the right direction. She says her extensive travel, including her Academia Industry training in Switzerland, helped her understand how India has taken a backseat in terms of food safety.

Five years from now, she wants to bring in a massive change in the quality of food we eat.

Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani on Saturday celebrated the first anniversary of Support, Advocacy & Mental Health Interventions for Children in Vulnerable Circumstances And Distress (SAMVAD) at Nimhans. SAMVAD is a national initiative that works for child protection, mental health, and psychosocial care. "It's the first time in the history of our country that the Ministry of Women and Child Development and a premier institution have come together to provide care to children in distress. SAMVAD is the main administrative bridge, and must be celebrated," said Irani

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta inaugurates the rainwater harvesting project at Freedom Park

75K saplings to be planted across city

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ON the occasion of Independence Day, many NGOs, citizen welfare groups along with Karnataka Forest Department, horticulture department and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have undertaken an afforestation drive.

Under the Koti Vruksha project, they have joined hands to plant 75,000 saplings across the city on August 14 and 15 and ensure there is 100 per cent survival.

As a part of it, BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta participated in the sapling plantation drive at Freedom Park. He said all parks in Bengaluru will have a recharge well to avoid the wastage of rainwater. United Way Bengaluru has joined this initiative along with BBMP to ensure that 1,300 parks in BBMP's limits have recharge wells. Six more recharge wells will be scientifically set up in Freedom Park, which already has 24 recharge wells. Each well will hold approximately 4,000 litres of water.

Rajkumar Dugar of Citizens for Citizens and a member of Koti Vruksha Sainya said the initiative was started last year, but this time it is more focused.

Private schools protest officer's statement on TC

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PRIVATE schools are threatening to shut over principal secretary S R Umashankar's alleged statement that transfer certificates of private schools will be made available at the Block Education Office.

General Secretary of the Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) Shashi Kumar said that parents have not paid fees for three to four years, and this move by the department will only encourage them. He sought the education minister's intervention in the issue.

Lokesh Talikatte, state unit president of Recognised Unaided Private Schools Association (RUPSA), Karnataka, said that according to RTE rules, schools have to right to issue transfer certificates. He said the previous year was unnecessarily spent on the fee issue, and the government got a bad name and the minister lost his position. This year, the secretary has announced that transfer certificates can be obtained from the BEO. He said that certificates are issued only by schools, as are assessment and report cards.

He called the principal secretary's decision unlawful, and asked the minister to intervene and stop the implementation of this decision. A top department official denied that any such circular was issued. Despite several attempts, TNIE could not get a response from Umashankar.

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Lokesh Talikatte, state unit president of RUPSA, Karnataka

State's CFR shows decline over last week, barring in 3 dists

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WHILE Karnataka's Case Fatality Rate (CFR) in the past seven days has been 1.73 per cent, eight districts in the state recorded zero CFR, while three districts have more then 10 per cent CFR.

According to the state war room data, Bagalkot, Ballari, Bidar, Chikkamagaluru, Gadag, Kalaburagi, Raichur and Yadgir have zero CFR, while Kodagu has a CFR of 0.59 per cent. Seven districts, including Bengaluru Urban, have a CFR of less than 2 per cent, while Kolar, Dharwad and Haveri have 11 per cent, 11.59 per cent and 12.50 per cent CFR each.

Meanwhile, Karnataka on Saturday reported 1,632 new cases with 25 Covid deaths and 1,612 discharges. The total active cases in the state are 22,698. The positivity rate has fallen to 7.18 per cent, while in the beginning of August, the positivity rate was high at 7.49 per cent.

Bengaluru Urban reported 377 cases, while Dakshina Kannada reported the highest with 411 cases and Mysuru 112 cases. Bidar, Gadag and Yadgir reported zero cases.

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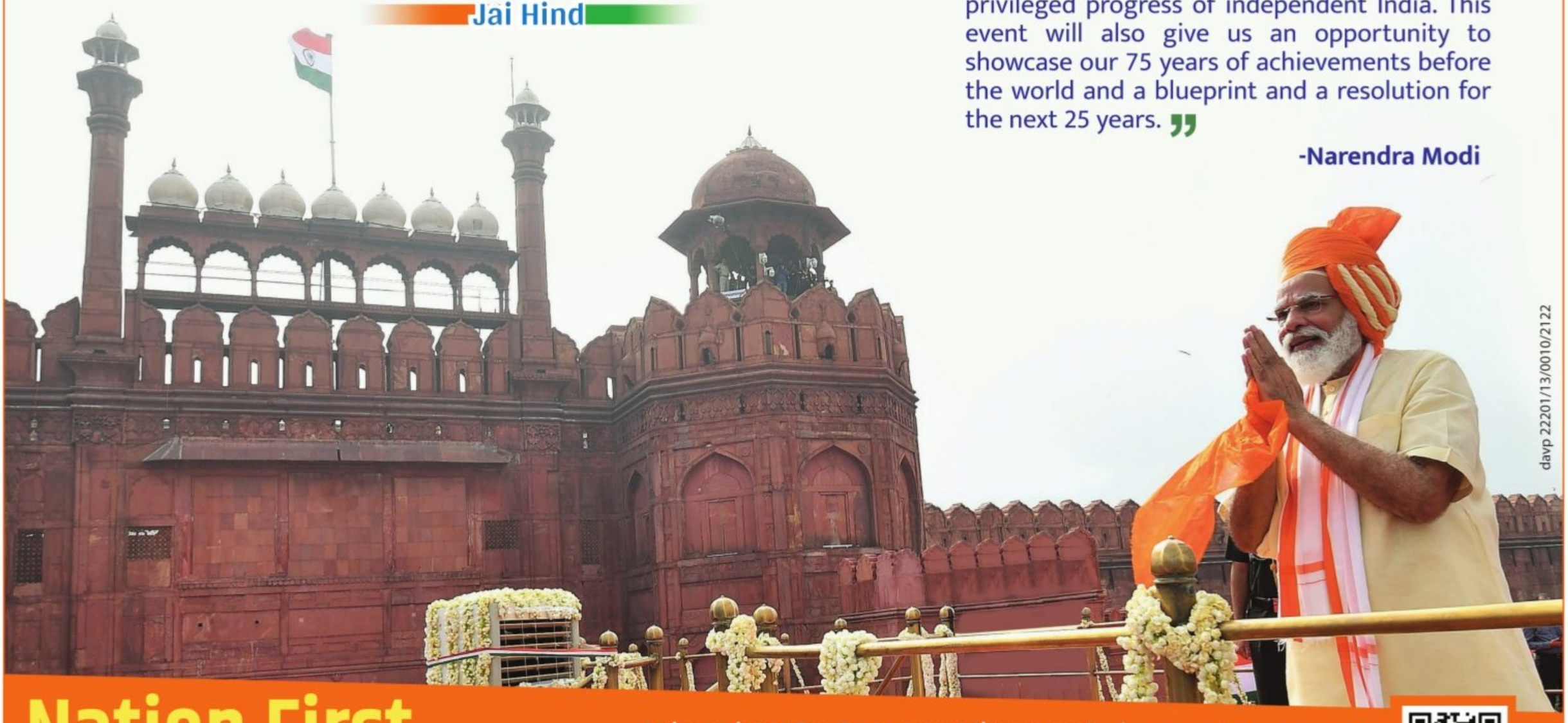

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It has been almost a week since stunt master Vivek was electrocuted on the sets of the film 'Love You Rachchu', but Bidadi police are still searching for film producer Guru Deshpande. Police arrested three people a day later, but are yet to record statements from eyewitnesses, including actor Ajay Rao. An officer said that efforts are on to nab Deshpande, who is absconding.

Relief for motorists, CM says no to zero traffic for his convoy

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IN a big relief to the common motorist in Bengaluru, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has refused zero-traffic privileges for himself, asking the police to consider him a "common man", and ensure that ambulances are given priority.

Taking a cue from the chief minister'S announcement, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, too, refused zero-traffic clearance for his convoy to do away with the age-old privilege.

Bommai had earlier instructed cancelling zero traffic movements while travelling from his house in RT Nagar, as well as while he is on routine official programmes.

Zero traffic movement involves stopping all traffic on the route taken by the convoy. After Bommai's announcement, zero traffic for the movement of his convoy was lifted from Saturday morning itself.

Zero traffic for the movement of the CM's convoy was lifted from Saturday morning | FILE

Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) BR Ravikanthe Gowda, however, said that an order to this effect is expected to be issued in a couple of days. A senior police officer from North Division (Traffic) said that on Saturday, the traffic control room aired the message to traffic policemen on duty that zero traffic for Chief Minister's convoy will not be in force henceforth. Traffic for the convoy should, however, be extended from signal to signal and ensure that ambulances are given priority.

On Friday, based on Bommai's instructions, Director General & Inspector General of Police, Praveen Sood, issued a circular not to present a guard of honour to VIPs in public places to avoid inconvenience to the public.

IN THE HC

HC junks ex-minister's plea questioning court summons

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High Court rejected a petition filed by former minister DN Jeevaraj questioning the criminal proceedings pending before the trial court, which took cognisance of the offence allegedly committed by him as the Chairman of "Unauthorisedly Cultivated Land Regularisation Committee of NR Pura Taluk". Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav passed the order. Based on a complaint filed by Vasudeva Kotyan of BH Kaimara in Narasimharajapura taluk of Chikkamagaluru district, for the offences punishable under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act and IPC, in 2012, the trial court had referred the matter for investigation. In turn, the Lokayukta police filed a chargesheet in 2015 and subsequently, the trial court took cognisance the same year and issued summons. Hence, Jeevaraj moved the High Court seeking to quash the same.

'Govt should hasten compensation to popularise Lok Adalat'

BENGALURU: Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court Abhay Shreeniwas Oka said on Saturday that lok adalats can become more popular if the government starts honouring the compensation awarded immediately. He was delivering the presidential address at the inauguration of Mega Lok Adalat organised by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) and emphasised on the need to make these adalats more popular, so that litigants can come forward for settlement. "For this, the public authorities like insurance companies and the government should honour the awards passed in the adalats and deposit the compensation in cases like motor vehicle accident, land acquisition, etc immediately," he said and added that there is large scope for settlement of cases adjudicating by the commercial courts in city, through Lok Adalat.

More people may be behind arson

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A day after three suspects were arrested for allegedly setting fire to two cars belonging to Bommanahalli MLA Satish Reddy, police have intensified their investigation and are interrogating the trio to ascertain the involvement of others. Soon after the incident, Bommanahalli police nabbed Sagar (19), Sridhar (20) and Naveen (22).

During preliminary investigation, the two confessed that they were frustrated over being unable to meet Reddy and seek his help. Upset, they allegedly set fire to the two SUVs and escaped after stealing a bike parked in front of a house nearby. "We are probing further to confirm any probable involvement of others," police said.

Meanwhile, Reddy said, "There are people who are behind this planned act, which was executed by the accused. They should be traced."

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BENGALURU

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Possession type 3) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1)	**1) Sri Santhosh Kumar D R, S/o Sri. Raman** No.19/2-4, 3rd Main Road, Vigneswaranagar, Herohalli, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560091. **2) Canara Bank - Bilekahalli (Vijaya Bank Layout) Branch. Ph.No.080-26483322. Mob : 9449860176**	1) Rs.91,24,000.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.42,60,000/- EMD : Rs.4,26,000/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 30.08.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
	Description of property - All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat bearing No.206, in the second floor measuring 1084 Sq.ft, in the residential apartment known as "sripaadam Gardens". ERM of all piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Nos. 62,63,76 and 77 present BBMP Khatha No.62,63,76 and 77/77 formed in converted land bearing SY.No. 34/1139/1 and 41/1, which is duly converted from agricultural land to non agricultural residential purpose, vide order no. B.BIS/ALN/SR(5)598/1996-97 dated :16.7.1997, issued by the special Dy. Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently this property comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.194, Anjanapura sub division, Bangalore, measuring on the East to West: (92.75+94.25)/2 feet and North to South : 120 feet, totally measuring 11,220 Sq.ft. Bounded on: **East by :** Site No.64 & 75, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Road.			
2)	**1) Mr. Ajjappa O A, S/o Mr. Adivappa and Mr. Kallesh O A, S/o Mr. Ajjappa** Both are at : No.235/1, 4th Main, 5th Cross, Kempagouda Nagar, Bengaluru 560019. **2) Canara Bank - Bilekahalli (Vijaya Bank Layout) Branch. Ph.No.080-26483322. Mob : 9449860176**	1) Rs.91,24,000.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.74,30,000/- EMD : Rs.7,43,000/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 30.08.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
	Description of property - Flat No.005, Ground Floor, "Sripaadam Gardens", Constructed on Municipal Nos.62,63,76&77, Present BBMP Khata Nos. 62,63,76 and 77/77, formed in converted Sy.Nos.34/1, 39/1 & 41/1, T. K. Deepak Layout, Opposite Royal County Park, JP Nagar 8th Phase, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.194 Bangalore and Bounded on : **East by** : Flat No. 004, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by** : Entrance, Sit out, Corridor and Flat No. 006 and **South by** : Open to Sky.			
3)	**1) 1) M/s. Amoga Marketing (India) Pvt,** No 3, Akshaya Complex, No 3, Flat No B-1, 2nd Floor, Chikkabanasvadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560043. **2) Mr. Jacob Jabakumar T-Director, 3) Mrs. A G Kalaiarasi-Director, 4)Mrs. Renuka Devi A G -Director** No 125/1, Jothi Illam, 3r Cross, Ganesha Temple Street, 3rd Cross, Jai Jawan Nagar, Banasawadi Post, Bangalore - 560043. **2) Canara Bank - Jayanagar Shopping Complex Branch. Ph.No.080-26630751, Mobile No:9483540408**	1) Rs.43,49,459.79 Lakhs plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.60,00,000/- EMD : Rs.6,00,000/-	1) 30.08.2021. before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 27.08.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
	Description of property - SCHEDULE:Property bearing Muncipal No 7/1, PID No 87-66-7/1 (Old No 9, Property No 217) 4 th Cross, situated at Chikka Banaswadi Road, Dodda Banaswadi Village, Jai Jawan Nagar, Bangalore -560043 and bounded on: **East by :** Site No 10, **West by :** 25 feet Road, **North by :** Private Property and **South by :** Site No.8.			
4)	**1) Mr.R.Dhananjaya,** A1, No. 12, SUVI Apartment, Ground Floor, CMC No.207/C, Old Khata 371, New Khata 381/371/12/ 207/C, Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. **2) Canara Bank - South End Branch. Ph.No. 080-22447997 / 26651852**	1) Rs.51,73,755.74 Lakhs plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.39,11,000/- EMD : Rs.3,91,100/-	1)30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 25.8.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
	Description of property - Site / House No.12, SUVI Apartment, Ground Floor, CMC No.207/C, (OLD Khatha 371), New Khatha No.381/371/12/207/C, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sabe, Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.			
5)	**1) Mr. Narayanaswamy** **2) Canara Bank - South End Branch. Ph.No.080-22447997 / 26651852**	1) Rs.85,98,006.74 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.42,73,000/- EMD : Rs.4,27,300/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 25.8.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
	Description of property - Site/House/Flat No.B-2, (Southern Portion) In Second Floor, "Suvee Residency Apartment, CMC Khatha No.381/371/12/207 C12, Site No.12, Situated at 5th Cross, Bikasipura Village, Yelachanahally Ward No.185, Uttarahally Hobli, Bengaluru.			
6)	**1) Mrs. Lalina Iyengar** **2) Canara Bank - South End Branch. Ph.No. 080-22447997 / 26651852**	1) Rs.78,06,026.74 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.39,11,000/- EMD : Rs.3,91,100/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 25.08.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
	Description of property - Site/House/Flat No.A-1, In Second Floor, "Suvee Residency Apartment, CMC Khatha No.381/371/12/207 C12, Site No.12, Situated at 5th Cross, Bikasipura Village, Yelachanahally Ward No.185, Uttarahally Hobli, Bengaluru.			
7)	**M/s True Value, Prop : Mr. S Sampath Kumar,** No.146-B, 6th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Near Old Police Station, Bengaluru - 560041. **Mr. S Sampath Kumar and Co-Borrower, Mortgagor cum Guarantor : Smt Gowramma,** Door No.32, No.74, Sukhamani Apartments, Behind Oxford College, J P Nagar, 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. **2) Canara Bank - Ashok Pillar Branch. Ph.No. 080-26568681.**	1) Rs.1,23,62,446.62 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.55,00,000./- EMD : Rs.5,50,000/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 25.8.2021 before 3.00 pm
	Description of property - Apartment bearing No.002, in the first floor in the Apartment Block Known as "Purvy Residency" measuring 1650 Sq.ft of Super Built Up Area and 601.67 Sq.ft of undivided share and interest with one carved car parking space in the basement constructed on the composite property bearing Nos 1 to 7 situated at 1st Cross, Gokul Nagar, Doddakallasandra Village, Kanakapura Main Road and Bounded on : **East By :** Private Property, **West By :** Road, **North By :** Private Property and **South By :** Road.			
8)	**1) Wintech H R Solutions Prop : Mr. S.Rangaraj.** **2) Canara Bank - South End Branch. Ph.No. 080-22447997 / 26651852**	1) Rs.31,45,539.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.26,70,000/- EMD : Rs.2,67,000/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 25.8.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
	Description of property - Residential property located at Flat No. ALF/8/11, SFHS, Nandini Layout, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore 560086.			
9)	**1) M/s Susheel Marketing Agencies, Proprietor : Shri B M Jayaprakash,** No. 35 Vani Vilas Road, Basvangudi, Bangalore- 560004 **2) Canara Bank - Lalbagh West Branch. Ph No : 080 - 26572355 / 080 - 26575141 / 08026575122Mob : 9483520684**	1) Rs.62,05,021.82 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.68,00,000/- EMD : Rs.6,80,000/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 26.08.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
	Description of property - Flat No.003, Ground Floor, Poorna Pragna Apartments, #37/1, 2nd Main, Gangadhara Extn Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560040 in the name of **Smt Latha Jayaprakash** with a super built up area of 980 Sq Ft and bounded on **East by :** Road, **West By :** Private Property, **North By :** Private Property, **South By :** Private Property.			
10)	**1) Mr. Ramesh T K and Mrs. Swarna both residing at, No. 42, Srinidhi Layout, 3rd Main, Chunghugatta Main Road, Bangalore** **2) Canara Bank - BTM Layout Branch. Ph.No. 080 - 26784488**	1) Rs.45,24,707/- plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.66,00,000/- EMD : Rs.6,60,000/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 27.08.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.
	Description of property - All that part and parcel of residential Immoyable Property bearing Khata No 375, Property No 225/38, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 10 feet and property bearing No 38/A, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to south 11 feet, measuring totally East to West 40 feet and North to South 21 feet, situated at Chuchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bommanahalli CMC, Bangalore South presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, along with residential building and the entire site is bounded on the : **East by :** Road, West by : Property No.35, **North by** Property No.38 and **South by :** Property No.37.			
11)	**1) M/S Mahalakshmi Granites, Propreitor: G.Pushpalatha, W/o Ramesh R, Guarantor : Mr. Ramesh R Both are at : No.169, 4th Main Road, 1st Cross, West of Chord Road, Industrial Town, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560044.** **2) Canara Bank - Jayadeva institute of Cordiology Branch. Ph.No. 080 - 26538402.**	1) Rs.11,46,863.26 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.21,00,000/- EMD : Rs.2,10,000/-	1) 30.8.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/-	1. 31.8.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 27.8.2021 between 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.
	Description of property - Property bearing Old Khata No. 191, Then 191/A, New Katha No.135, Shivapura Village, Nellagodhanahalli Dhakle, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Shivapura Bangalore North Tq. **Bounded on East by :** Road, **West by :** Remaining portion of Same Property, **North by :** 3 Feet Common Passage and then Property Belongs to Lakshmamma and **South by :** House Belongs to Doddevenkatanarsaiah.			

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the respective branches.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 14.8.2021

Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **GENERAL PUBLIC** is hereby informed that, my clients intend to **PURCHASE**, the immovable residential vacant site property morefully described in the Schedule hereunder from its present **OWNERS** i.e.,

1. Sri. Puneet Dhir, S/o Rajinder Kumar Dhir, Aged about 45 years;
2. Smt. Preeti Dhir, W/o Puneet Dhir, Aged about 42 years;

Any persons, financial institutions, organizations, statutory authorities etc. having any sort of claims, rights, title, interest, lien, possession or charge on the Schedule property or any objection for the sale of the Schedule property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of this PUBLIC NOTICE. In the event of not receiving any objections in writing through registered post or electronic means, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the Schedule Property and my clients (PURCHASERS) shall be advised to proceed with the sale transaction. Take note that, any claims received after the completion of the said 15 days, shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential vacant site bearing **No 179,** BDA Khatha No. KA(E)/179/RL/11-12 carved out of Sy.No.57/1 and Sy.No. 58/2, situated at **Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** in the residential layout known as **"RELIAABLE LIFESTYLE"** with all rights appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, measuring East to West **65 feet** and North to South **35 feet,** in all totally measuring **2275 Square feet** and bounded on the:

East by - Park;
West by - Road;
North by - Site No 178;
South by - Site No 180;

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property belonging to **Mrs. Anamika Sureka,** W/o. Mr. Atul Sureka, resident of No. B302-303, Oscar Orchards, 47/3 and 48/2, Sahakaranagar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore -560 092.

That if any person/s having any claim/s in respect of the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale transaction, may lodge their claims/ objections with documentary proof to reach the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and claims/ objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No. 70/4 (Old Survey No. 70/2G), measuring 9.08 Guntas; Survey No. 73/4 (Old Survey No. 73/1), measuring 26 Guntas; Survey No. 73/2B3 (Old Survey No. 73/2B), measuring 11 Guntas; Survey No. 73/2A3 (Old Survey No. 73/2A), measuring 17 Guntas; Survey No. 73/2A1 (Old Survey No. 73/2A), measuring 17 Guntas; Survey Nos. 70/2G1 (Old Survey No. 70/2G), measuring 12 Guntas and Survey No. 73/2B1 (Old Survey No. 73/2B), measuring 11 Guntas of Yelachagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, including all rights, privileges, appurtenance thereto and bounded as follows :

East by : Shiv Temple (Sadhna Seva Samiti) and property belonging to Mrs. Shobha Ranganathan
West by : Property belonging to Mr. Hanumantha Raju
North by : Government Road
South by : Government Nala

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SURRENDER OF INVESTMENT ADVISOR REGISTRATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Manu Chhabra category individual Adviser with registration no INA200013992 address D-2, Sai Charan Apartment Dodda Banaswadi Bangalore-560043 having trademark Absolute Finserve have applied for Surrender of Individual Investment Adviser, his application for registration as non-individual category in the name of Absolute Investment Advisor LLP has been approved. All the clients onboarded with Mr. Manu Chhabra will be the clients of Absolute Investment Advisor LLP. Any aggrieved party may make any representation against the surrender to Mr. Manu Chhabra at the Registered Office, as indicated above, or SCORE portal www.scores.gov.in within 15 days of the date of Notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri.V.Nagaraj, aged about 62 years, S/o.Late.Venkatappa Shetty, residing at No.14/49, 18th Cross, Ramaswamy Layout, Lakkasandra, Bangalore – 560 030, has misplaced the registered Sale Deed dt:07-02-2008 executed by Sri.Pillappa and others in favour of Sri.V.Nagaraj, Registered as Document No.ABL-1-04960-2007-2008, stored in C.D No.ABLD16, dt:07-02-2008, pertaining to the Property bearing Survey No.26, measuring to an extent 17 Guntas, situated at Mayasandra Village, Athibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, East by: Storm water drain, West by : Land belongs to Sri.Venkataswamy Reddy, North by: Land belongs to Sri.Nagaraja Reddy & South by : Storm water drain.

My client has lodged a Complaint before the Adugodi Police Station on 09-08-2021 in respect of misplaced/missing /left of Registered Sale Deed dt: 07-02-2008.

Any person dealing with the property on the basis of the aforesaid misplaced/ missing documents will be doing so at his/her own risks and responsibility.

GAJENDRA.S & RANJANI.S
Advocate,
No 35, 7th cross,
Opp. Wilson Garden Police Station, Inside Corporation Market Area, Wilson Garden, BANGALORE – 560 027.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. W.503/PC/04/2021-22
Dated: 13.08.2021

The Principal Chief Engineer, Southern Railway, Park Town, Chennai - 600 003 invites e-tender for the following items before **15.00 hrs. on 23.09.2021** and will be opened on **15.30 hrs.** on the same day.

Item No. 1; Tender No. **503PC10202122; Brief description of material:** Manufacturing and supply of CMS Crossing for BG 60 kg (UIC) on PSC Sleepers 1 in 12 to RDSO Drg. No. T-4220, Alt. 5/ latest alteration and Spn. IRS-T-29-2016 for CMS Crossing and drawings complete with C.I. Distance Blocks. Packing pieces, M.S.Tapered Washers, Check Blocks and Bolts of different sizes as listed in the drawing excluding other items indicated in the drawing. (N.B.: Term- latest-wherever used will mean the alteration/ amendments up to the date of tender notice), (HSN Code-73023000); Quantity: **181 Set;** Tender opening date: **23.09.2021;** Tender value in lakhs: ₹ **554.29;** EMD : ₹ **11,08,590.00**; Delivery period: **12 months**; **Item No. 2;** Tender No. **503PC11202122; Brief description of material:** Joggled Fishplates 60 KG to RDSO Drg. No. T-5849 (ALT-1) per set consists of two Fishplates, two clamps to Drg. No. RDSO T-5854 and T-5854 / I with modified A=86, B=96, C=184, D=172 and two bolts & nuts to Drg. No. T-11525 with Single Coil Spring Washers to Drg. No. T-10773 Specification for Fishplate and Fishplate bars No. IRS/T-1-2012 (Prov.) with corrigendum no. 1 of Sep 2018. (HSN Code: 73024000); Quantity: **6607 Set;** Tender opening date: **23.09.2021;** Tender value in lakhs: ₹ **245.17;** EMD: ₹ **4,90,340.00;** Delivery period: **8 months.**

Complete details of tenders are available on website at **https://www.ireps.gov.in/** for downloading tender documents and other details.

Principal Chief Engineer / SR, Chennai - 600 003

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our Client intends to purchase immovable property more particularly described in Item Nos.1,2 & 3 of the Schedule hereunder and together referred to herein as **"Schedule Property"** from its present owner, **Mrs.Jamuna Manjunath W/o. Late Mr.N.Manjunath Reddy,** residing at Bengaluru. (hereinafter referred to as **"Owner"**), who has represented to our Client that she is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has or claims any right, title, interest, pending litigation, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien or demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within **15 (fifteen)** days from the date of this Notice, failing which, it shall be deemed that the aforesaid Owner has a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property and that none else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property; and our Client would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended transaction relating to the Schedule Property. Any objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land in **Sy.No.59** measuring **1 Acre** situated at **Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** and bounded as follows;
East by : Tank Bund & Lake
West by : Property belonging to Smt.Jamuna & Road
North by : Kharab land belonging to Smt.Jamuna
South by : Property belonging to Smt.Jamuna
Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land in old **Sy.No.60,** later referred to as **60/A** and now assigned **Sy.No.60/3** measuring **26 Guntas** situated at **Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** and bounded as follows;
East by : Lands in Sy.No.59 belonging to Smt.Jamuna
West by : Road & Property belonging to B.Mohan & others
North by : Property belonging to B.Mohan, Ramakrishna Reddy & Smt.Jamuna
South by : Property belonging to Sri.K.Narasimha Reddy
Item No.3 : All that piece and parcel of agricultural land in **Sy.No.61** measuring **1 Acre 04 Guntas** situated at **Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** and bounded as follows;
East by : Lands in Sy.No.59 belonging to Smt.Jamuna
West by : Property belonging to Sri.B.Mohan
North by : Property belonging to B.Mohan & Smt.Jamuna
South by : Property belonging to Smt.Jamuna in Sy.No.60

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC

General Public is invited to bid either personally or through authorized agent for sale of Punjab National Bank's immovable properties as per details given here under:

SCHEDULE OF THE ASSETS - Description of Property

Commercial plot with boundary wall measuring 21778.54 sft in Survey No.100, Eastern Side, Main road, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Yeshwantpura Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 058 in the name of Punjab National Bank, purchased from KIADB.

Reserve Price : Rs.9,80,39,000.00
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount & Last date of the Deposit of EMD : Rs.98,03,900.00, On or Before **9.9.2021.**
Date and Time of Inspection : On appointment Basis till **8.9.2021.**
Date and Time of Auction : 13.9.2021 between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm.

The property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"**. Interested parties may inspect the property as mentioned above. For further details, please visit the web sites **https://www.pnbindia.in; https://etender.pnbnet.in/; https://eprocure.gov.in/ epublish/app** and or contact **Mr.S D Modi, AGM (Mob : 94319 00888) / Sh. Prashant Kumar - CM, (Mobile No.8789687253).**
Any Corrigendum / Extension of date/ clarification in respect of the above said auction shall be released only at our website : **https://www.pnbindia.in** which may be visited regularly by the intending bidders.

Date : 15.8.2021
Place : Bangalore

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners B. Ramu & 2 others filed C.Mis. Petition before the 28th ACMM at Bengaluru under C.Misc. No. 6099/2020 to register the date of death of the Petitioner's father by name **B. NARASIMHULU NAIDU S/o. Late B. Changama Naidu** on 26.01.1998 at No. 22, KSRTC Layout, Chikkalasandra, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru - 560 061. The above said case is **on 16.09.2021,** if any person or by pleader having interest or objection kindly appear before the Hon'ble Court at 11.00 a.m. if failed will be disposed of Ex-parte.

By the order of Court, Sheristedar, 28th ACMM Court, Bengaluru.

Pankaja B.C., Advocate, Mob. 7026752874

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ನಾನು, ಜೆ.ಎಸ್.ನಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ, ವಯಸ್ಸು 47 ವರ್ಷ, ವಾಸ: ಗಡೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಜಾಲ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ತರಬನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಅಂಚೆ, ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–57. (ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9880216202, 9108905468 ಮತ್ತು 8971457299) ಇಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ನಾನು, ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನಾನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರಾದ ಎಂ.ರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ, ವಯಸ್ಸು 61 ವರ್ಷ, ಎಂ.ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಎ.ಶಿವಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಎ.ವಿಶ್ವನಾಥ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಎಂ.ಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ ಇವರೆಲ್ಲರು ಒಂದೇ ಕಡೆ ವಾಸ: ಮೀಸಗಾನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಬಿ.ಕೆ.ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಅಂಚೆ, ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–57 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಇವರುಗಳಿಂದ ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಜಾಲ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ದೊಡ್ಡಜಾಲ ಅಮಾನಿಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.97/1ರಲ್ಲಿ 1–04.08.00 ಗುಂಟೆ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಬೋಜ್ಯತೆ, ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಇತರೆ ತಕರಾರು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ 15 ದಿವಸಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗೆ ಕರೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಕೀಲರ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಈ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

–ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರ:–

1) ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಜಾಲ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ದೊಡ್ಡಜಾಲ ಅಮಾನಿಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.97/1ರಲ್ಲಿ 1–04.08.00 ಗುಂಟೆ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ: ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 97/2 ರ ಜಮೀನು, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: 86/1 ಮತ್ತು 2 ರ ಜಮೀನು, ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ಕಾಲುವೆ, ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ಮೀಸಗಾನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗಡಿ.

ಸಹಿ/–

ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ದೇವರಾಜ್, ವಕೀಲರು, # 81, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, 2ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಚಾಮರಾಜಪೇಟೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ–562101. ಮೊ.ನಂ.9980350424

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RO No. 575 — Date: 13.08.2021

Short term e-Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance), Yamuna Bhawan, Yamuna Colony, Dehradun, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :
Tender No.05/EE (CM)/DDN/2021-22
Name of work/supply/services etc : Associated works at Multi-storey Corporate Office Building at UJJWAL Campus, Dehradun
Estimated cost :Rs.3,12,98,532.00
Date of availability of bid document on website : From 17:00 hrs of 13.08.2021
Last date for submission of bids on website : Upto 17:00 hrs of 28.08.2021
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in"

Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance)

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On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12211223 10/09/2021	Supply & Installation commissioning of SS Water Tank (455 Litres Capacity)	148 Nos.	1,68,770/-
2.	13215491 09/09/2021	Electronic Weigh Bridge CAP-100 Ton, Mech/M&P/3200/GM/24 (PL NO: N6415325)	01 Nos.	Nil
3.	02211246 06/09/2021	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Inter Vehicular Coupler Set Assembly Complete	30 Sets	2,52,760/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.** Class IIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in.** 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 & 2 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 3 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS heldesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.
Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. "All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are quested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against Tender No 17211395 for procurement of Set of Seats and Berths LHB coaches (PU Foam) (5 Types) due date to be read as 28.08.21 instead of 16.08.21.

T. No.: G-RCF/122-01/Stores/050/2021-22 — **Dated: 14.08.2021**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

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PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **29-06-2021** by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due and the same was **returned by all.** Hence this.

No.1) M/s. Haripriya Enterprises, No.1/35, Anjaneya Temple Road, Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560061. No.2) Mr. A. Balaji Naidu, S/o. Muthyala Naidu, No.62, 2nd Main Road, Sai Baba Temple, Kalyani Nagar, Vasanthapura, Bangalore - 560061. No.3) Mrs. Kumudini, W/o. Balaji Naidu, No.62, 2nd Main Road, Sai Baba Temple, Kalyani Nagar, Vasanthapura, Bangalore - 560061.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Loan account / Overdraft with City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Indira Nagar Branch in the name of M/s. Haripriya Enterprises.

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **29-06-2021** calling upon all of you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.88,70,049/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakh Seventy Thousand and Forty Nine Only)** as on **22-06-2021** with further interest for 512120020015467 (SECURED OD WITHOUT DP) at **12.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **23-06-2021** till the date of repayment. The notice sent to you by Registered Post have been **returned by all.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon you all to pay **Rs.88,70,049/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakh Seventy Thousand and Forty Nine Only)** with further interest for 512120020015467 (SECURED OD WITHOUT DP) at **12.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **23-06-2021** till the date of repayment within 60 **days** from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right / remedy available to the Bank.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. A. Balaji Naidu, S/o. Muthyala Naidu)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Old Khatha No.1/3, New Khatha No.1/3C situated at Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming under the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West 90.75 ft. and North to South 48 ft. and in total measuring 4,356 Sq.ft. and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Property belonging to B. Chikkarevanna, North by : Property belonging to B. Chikkarevanna, South by : Property belonging to B. Siddappa.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date : 11-08-2021 — **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Mysore Road Branch,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **03.06.2021** calling upon the borrower/guarantor/ mortgagor **1) M/s Shree Venkateshwara Enterprises Proprietor Mr. N Prabhakarachari** Residing at Sri Rajarajeshwari Devi Nilaya, No.292/A, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Near Nanjundeshwara Temple, Ramanjaneya Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061 **Also at:** Ground Floor No.58, 5th Main Road, 9th Cross, Ramachandra Agrahara, Chamrajpete, Bangalore-560018 **Guarantors: 1) Mr. A G Ramakrishnoji Rao** No.17/1, Ganapathi Nagar, Hosa Kerehalli Main Road, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560026, **2) Mrs. N Sreelatha** W/o Prabhakarachari No.292/A, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Sri Ramanjaneya Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.77,36,266.10** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six and Ten Paisa Only) up on **31.05.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **12th day of August of the year 2021**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda, Mysore Road Branch,** for an amount of **Rs.77,36,266.10** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six and Ten Paisa Only) up to **31.05.2021** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realizatiion.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Properties

Primary Security of Stock and Book Debts. Collateral Security of Land and Building Site No.292/A at Ward No.197, 4th Cross Road, 3rd Main Road, Sri Ramanjaneya Nagara, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061. All that piece and parcel of the Land and Building Site No.292/A at Ward No.197, 4th Cross Road, 3rd Main Road, Sri Rajarajeshwari Devi Nilaya, Sri Ramanjaneya Nagara, Uttarahalli, Near Maruthi Traders, 1st Main KSRTC Layout, Bangalore-560061. Bounded by: East: Property No.292, West: Property No.292/B, North: Private Property, South : Raod.

Date : 12.08.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of our client Mr. Parameswaram Raman, residing at Punnathanam Vayala P.O. Kottayam District-686587, that, the **original Agreement of Sale** and **Original Construction Agreement both dated 05/02/2006 between M/s. Purvankara Projects Limited and Mr. Vinod Jayan for Flat No. D1103,11th Floor, in Apollo Block of PURVA FOUNTAIN SQUARE having super built up area of 1392 square feet with a proportionate common area of 302 square feet,** together with one covered parking, situated at Survey No. 22, 23, 24 of Munekhola Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, has been lost / misplaced by our client *Parameswaram Raman*, and our client has registered an appropriate Lost Article complaint vide Lost Report No. 0024434/2021 on 08th August 2021 with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City unit).

If anyone finds these documents, please return it to the undersigned party. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the above-mentioned missing documents. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using these missing documents, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 14 days from this paper publication.

Sd/- **Anupam Agarwal**
RAMNIWAS SURAJMAL
(Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 506, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001. Phone No.: 9740645762
Email: anupam@rslegal.in
Place: Bangalore Date: 14/08/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owners 1. SRI. NARENDRA KHANDEKAR, S/o: Late Sharadchandra N. Khandekar, Aged about: 55 years and 2. SMT. ASHWINI KHANDEKAR, W/o: Sri. Narendra Khandekar, Aged about: 49 years, Both are Residing at: No: 129, Rainbow Residency, Opp. Wipro Corporate Office, Sarjapura Road, Carmelaram, Bangalore - 560 035.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Residential Property presently bearing New BBMP Khata No: 1222/1202/129, Old Khata No: 1202 in the approved layout called 'RAINBOW RESIDENCY' carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No: 38/7 (converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential use vide Official Memorandum dated 30/07/2003 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner vide his Order No: ALN (E)VB/SR(SR)219/2002-03), situated at Junnasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (previously Bangalore South Taluk), presently coming within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, measuring East 100 Feet, West 100 Feet, North 55 Feet and South 55 Feet in all measuring 5500 Square Feet, along with building thereon comprising of Ground Floor with 1928 Square Feet of built up area and First Floor with 2315 Square Feet of built up area and bounded on the: East By - Property No: 130; West By- Property No: 128; North By- Property No: 126 and 127; South By-Private Road.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned who have any objection/s for purchase of Schedule Property or have any right, title, interest or claim/s over the same or any part thereof, are hereby requested to lodge their written objections/claims together with supporting documentary proof to the undersigned within (7) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections or claims are forthcoming within the above said period, my client shall purchase the above said property and no subsequent claim/s by anybody shall be entertained and all such objections and claims would be deemed to be void and non-binding on my client.

SELVA KUMAR, Advocate
No. 26B, Raheja Arcade, Koramangala, Industrial Layout, Bangalore-560095.
Tel: 080- 25526644/45/25530200
Bangalore. Date: 15/08/2021

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POSSESSION NOTICE

See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **UCO Bank,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on below mentioned dates calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notices below within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic/Constructive possession of these properties described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrowers and Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with these properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of **UCO Bank Ramanagar (2805) Branch** for an below mentioned amount.

1. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: 1) Mrs. Ammayamma W/O Veerabhadraiah **(Main Applicant) 2) Mr. Umesh R.V.** S/O Veerabhadraiah **(Co-Applicant) 3) Mr. Karthik V.** S/o Veerabhadraiah **(Guarantor) 4) Mr.Ashok Kumar R.V.** S/O Veerabhadraiah **(Guarantor)**
Amount Outstanding : Rs.4,83,862.09 (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Two & Paisa Nine Only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of Interest charge up to **28.02.2020**) with further unapplied interest wef **01.03.2020** with further unapplied interest w.e.f **01.10.2020** and incidental expenses, cost charges etc, there on.
Loan A/c No:-28050610013410
Demand Notice Date: 17.04.2021 **Possession Notice Date: 11.08.2021**
Description of Immovable Property:-
Title Deed No- RMN-1-08687/2015-16, Dated :-04-01-2016
All that piece & parcel of immovable Residential Property bearing No.Mun K.No.134/646A, measuring East to West-15 Feet, North to South -19 Feet, Situated at Ward No-07, Opposite to OLD Canara Bank Building, Kammannagudi Circle, Nagappa Galli, M.G Road, Ramanagara Town and District-562159 Bounded By:- East by: Share of Chikkannaiah in 'C' Schedule, West by: House of Chikka Thimmaiah, North by: House of Kempaiah, South by: Nagappa Beedhi.
In the name of :- Mrs. AMMAYYAMMA, W/o Late.Veerabhadraiah

2. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: 1) Mr. Mohammed Aslam S/o Abdul Salam Sab **(Main Applicant) 2) Mr. Abdul Samad,** S/o Mr. Mohammed Aslam **(Guarantor)**
Amount Outstanding : Rs.1,36,883/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of Interest charge up to **28.02.2020**) with further unapplied interest w.e.f. **01.03.2020** and incidental expenses, cost charges etc, there on.
LOAN A/C NO:- 28050610007563
Demand Notice Date: 17.04.2021 **Possession Notice Date: 11.08.2021**
Description of Immovable Property:- TITLE DEED NO-3728/01-02 dt:-13-02-2002.
All that piece & parcel of immovable Residential site Properly bearing Municipal Khaneshumari No.134/4537, measuring East to West-35 Feet. North to South-17 Feet, and RCC roofed Mangalore Tiled House property bearing East to West-40 Feet, North to South-9 Feet, Both properties are Situated at Masjid Mohalla, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara Town and District. Bounded By: East by: Conservancy Lane & Property of Mustafa Khan & Nazir Khan, West by: Mohd. Davood's Property, North by: Aftab's & Asif Saheb's Property, South by: Property of Nazir Khan
In the name of :- Mr. Mohammed Aslam, S/o Abdul Salam Sab.

3. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: 1) Mr. Aslam Pasha S/o Mr. Mohammed Khashim Sab **(Main Applicant) 2) Mrs. Shakira Begum,** W/o Aslam Pasha **(Co-Applicant)**
Amount Outstanding : Rs.24,51,277/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on **31.03.2021** (inclusive of Interest charge up to **30.09.2020**) with further unapplied interest w.e.f **01.10.2020** and incidental expenses, cost charges etc, there on.
LOAN A/C NO:- 28050610005941
Demand Notice Date: 12.04.2021 **Possession Notice Date: 11.08.2021**
Description of Immovable Property:-
TITLE DEED NO-10234/2013-14, Dated :-24-02-2014,
All that piece & parcel of Schedule Property bearing Muncipal Khatha No.823/824/176/181A, Site No.67, Site measuring East to West: 30 feets, North to South: 40 feets, and Khata No.830/A/824/A176/A181A/1, Site No.74, Site measuring East to West: 30 feets, North to South: 16.60 feets and Total Site measuring by above two Khatas East to West:-30 (Thirty) Feet, North to South: 56.60 (Fifty Six & Half] Feet. [Total 1695 Sqft) Situated at Kottipura Amanikere, Ward No.24/5, Ramanagara Town and District. Bounded By: East by: Site No.68 & Part of Site No.75, West by: Site No.66 & Part of Site No.73, North by: Property belongs Haji Arif Pasha & Saleem Pasha, South by: Road.
In The Name Of:- Mr. Aslam Pasha, S/o Late Mohammed Khasim Sab

Date : 11.08.2021
Place : Ramanagara

Sd/- Authorised Officer
UCO Bank

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrowers / Mortgagors is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower/s and Co-Borrower	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the property/ Secured Asset
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. X0HLBNA00001872125 **Borrower & Co-borrowers:** **1. Aravind Prasad** **2. Vanamala A, 3. Jayamma R** Both resding at Site No.6/1B, Katha No.49, Assessment No.24/1, Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Ganesh Temple, Bangalore North - 560040.	**Rs. 37,00,000/-**	**30.07.2021 & Rs. 59,28,474/- as on 29.07.2021 with further interest thereon**	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.6/1B Assessment No.49, Khata No.49, Situated at Valakerahalli Grama, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, and bounded on : East by : Private Property, West by : Site No.6/1, North by : Road, South by: Site No.4, Measuring East to West 30ft., and North to South (51+572ft, in total measuring 1620 Sq.ft.
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. X0HLBNA00001896539 **Borrower & Co-borrowers:** **1. Murali.K.G** **2. Poongavanam.M** **3. Madhu.R** Both resding at No.126, Duke Street, 10 Downing Alliance, Seegehalli, Bangalore South - 560067	**Rs. 30,00,000/-**	**30.07.2021 & Rs. 50,61,896/- as on 29.07.2021 with further interest thereon**	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site.No.104, Katha No.42 / 24/3, Old Property No.24 /3, New Property No.60, Situated at Seegehalli, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, and bounded on: East by : Remaining portion of Same Property No.60, West by : Road, North by : Site No.103, South by :Site.No.105, Measuring East to West : 40ft., and North to South: 30ft., in total 1200 Sq.ft and building constructed thereon.

Date : 15.08.2021
Place: Bangalore

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

punjab national bank

CIRCLE OFFICE : RECOVERY DEPARTMENT, SASTRA DIVISION BENGALURU,
100, Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore - 560005.
Phone : 080-25808908/8909, E-mail ID : cs8192@pnb.co.in.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 17.9.2021 from 01.00 PM to 05.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Branch Name : Branch Contact No : A/c Name : A/c No :	Description of the property	SARFAESI Details possession	Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount D) Encumbrances
1	Branch : RMV Extension **7259009359** M/s.Lakshmi Minerals Sole Prop : Shri Ram Bhopal Reddy, **3625008700001695**	All that piece and parcel of property with superstructures thereon, on land bearing Assessment No.116/2, Khaneshumari No. 160, Khata No. 70, Herohalli Village & Panchayat, situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwantpur , Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore in the name of Mr. Ram Bhopal Reddy,measuring East to West : 45 feet & North to South : 38 feet, (totally measuring 1710 sqft) and bounded on the East by : Road, West By : property belonging to Sri Hanumathaiah, North by : BWSSB property & South by : remaining property of Sri Rajanna.	13(2) 27.9.2013 13(4) 11.12.2013 Symbolic	**Rs.48,49,750/- Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.99,67,000/- B) Rs.10,00,000/- C) Rs.1,00,000/- D) No such information known to the best of knowledge of Authorized Officer. The Bidders are requested to do their own Due Diligence.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE :
1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com**
2. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date.
3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.
4. Platform **(https:www.mstcecommerce.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider"s website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com.** This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal.
5. The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in,**
6. The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e-e-Bɑɑɑɑ - IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in).
7. The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days),the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interested bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction.
8. Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding.
9. During the e-auction bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as **mentioned against each properties** to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e- auction shall be closed.
10. It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly.
(1) In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (https: http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal.
11. After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider).
12. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price.
13. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.
14. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount.
15. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
16. The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act.
17. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".**
18. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
19. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided.
20. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.
21. **The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc.**
22. The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions.
23. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 14.8.2021

Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)
HSR Layout Branch, Bangalore-560 102. Phone no.080- 25723483
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ON LINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions.

1.	Names and Address of the secured creditor	**Canara Bank, HSR Layout Branch, Bangalore-560 102. Phone no.080-25723483, e-mail cb2673@canarabank.com**
2	Names and Address of the Borrower	**Mr. N Babu** S/o Mr. N Narayana Reddy No.1131,11th Cross, 22nd "C" Main Road,HSR Layout, 1st Sector, Bangalore -560 102
3.	Total liabilities as on **12.08.2021**	**Rs.4,09,11,467.84** (Rupees Four crores Nine lacs Eleven thousand Four hundred Sixty Seven and Paise Eighty Four only) along with costs, expenses and future interest till the date of realization in full.
4.	Last Date & Time of receipt of online tender	**27.08.2021 up to 5.00 P M**
5.	Address in which the online tender to be submitted	**The Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, HSR Layout Branch, Bangalore- 560 102**
6.	Date and time of e-auction (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration on each bid)	**31.08.2021 10.30 A M to 11.30 A M**
6a	Portal for E-auction	**https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

6 b. Details of property: 1) All that piece and parcel of Land and building in Survey no.54/1 (Old Sy.No.54), measuring 10858 Sq.ft. Panchayath Khatha No.1051/02, K KHATHA PID No. 150200101300420980 Situated at Soppahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore having bounded on the: North by Property of Ramachandra Reddy; South by Property of Krishna Reddy ; East by Road and West by Property of A Narendra .

RESERVE PRICE: RS.98,17,000/- **EMD – RS.9,81,700/-**

2) Residential House Constructed on BDA site bearing No.1131 in the layout formed by BDA measuring 1230 Sq.ft. situated at Hosur Sarjapur Road Layout,1st Sector, Bangalore -560 034 , bounded on the North by Property in Site No.1132 , South by Property in Site No. 1130 , East by Property in Site No.1128 and West by Road.

RESERVE PRICE: RS.2,20,10,000/- **EMD – RS.22,01,000/-**

7. Other terms and conditions: The auction sale will be online e-auction-through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**
a) The property will be sold in **"As is where is & as is what is"** condition including encumbrances, if any.
b) The properties can be inspected on **24/08/2021 between 2.00 PM to 5.00 p.m** with prior appointment.
c) The properties will not be sold below the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, but bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of **Rs.1,00,000/-** (Rupees one lac only) .
d) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact **M/s Antares Systems Ltd, Bangalore (Contact no 9686196756 / 080-49352000, e-mail: v.manohar@antaressystems.com**
e) Bidders are advised to go through the website **http://www.bankeauctionwizard.com** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction proceedings.
f) Prospective bidders if required may avail online training on e-auction from **M/s Antares Systems Limited.**
g) EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favouring **Authorised officer, Canara Bank, HSR Layout Branch Bangalore**
h) Bids shall be submitted through online with relevant details.
i) A copy of the bid form along with the enclosure submitted on line shall be forwarded to the **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, HSR Layout Branch, Bangalore Branch** (in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) immediately.
j) Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
k) The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by parties shall be forfeited.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges and TDS amount as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
m) It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue/dues to any local authority and any/all such taxes, revenue/dues to any local/statutory authority, if any, as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
n) Authorized officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the tender without assigning any reason thereof.
o) The intending bidder/s shall also attach a copy of the PAN Card issued by the income Tax department and his/her identity proof and the proof of residence such as copy of the Passport, Driving license, etc.

Contact person:

Canara Bank, HSR Layout Branch Bangalore- 560 102 Tel: 25723483/09441707479 9483502673 email: cb2673@canarabank.com	**M/s Antares Systems Limited Contact Person Mr. Manohar V, Mobile: 09686196756, 080-49352000 Email: v.manohar@antaressystems.com Website: https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

Date: 13.08.2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

THE DAWN OF FREEDOM ON AUGUST 15, 1947, BROUGHT GREAT JOY TO THE PEOPLE OF INDIA.
TNSE SPEAKS TO OLD-TIMERS WHO RECALL THE DAY AND THE EUPHORIC CELEBRATIONS, AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THEM

MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN

It was a moment of pride for residents of Belagavi when they gathered to celebrate Independence Day by unfurling the country's tallest flag at Fort Lake four years ago. The flag is 200ft tall and stands 100m (155 feet) high from the base plate

DR M N CHANNABASAPPA (91),
DIRECTOR, SIDDAGANGA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (SIT), TUMAKURU

WHEN India got Independence, I was studying in Class 4 at the Government Middle School at Kyathasandra. As a young boy, I got a sense of freedom as the elders were dancing merrily and a 'jatha' was also organised on that day. The head of the Siddaganga Mutt and 'Walking God' Sri Shivakumara Swamiji had got sweet 'payasam' prepared and served to us at the Mutt. Institutions were decorated with mango and plantain leaves on that day. The slavery of working under the colonisers has gone, but the responsibilities of taking the nation forward on the path of progress was entrusted to us. More people got educated post Independence due to equal opportunities. I remember the visit of the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, to Tumakuru. As a young boy, I was eager to see Nehru and Swamiji gave me 50 paisa to eat something while going to catch a glimpse of the Prime Minister.

KRISHNA KOLHAR KULKARNI (82),
HISTORIAN AND RESEARCH CHOLAR,VIJAYAPURA

Memories of the first Independence Day celebrations are still fresh and some of the most cherished moments of my life. I was seven years old when India got freedom from British colonial rule. I was living with my parents in Kolhar village, on the banks of the Krishna river, when I celebrated the first Independence Day. The entire village was celebrating by singing patriotic songs and distributing sweets. The memories are still fresh of wandering around the entire village with my friends, cheering and raising slogans about freedom. Many children had worn colourful costumes. As part of the celebrations, my teacher made me deliver an Independence Day speech. I remember one sentence from the speech, "Today, our country became free from the British." Appreciating my speech, the village chief had given me Re 1, which was a silver coin. I will remember my first Independence Day celebration till my last breath.

BACHARANIYANDA APPANNA
(87), KODAVA HISTORIAN

Rice, sugar, salt, transport, clothing – everything was under the control of the British. As a 13-year-old boy then, Independence to us meant being free from this control. I remember the grand procession that left from Madikeri to celebrate the day, even as I took part in it at Karugunda village in Kodagu.

GT RAGHAVENDRA (80),
LITTERATEUR, KODAGU

THERE were loud echoes of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' reverberating across Madikeri town. Massive crowds had gathered across the town and a function was hosted at Madikeri Gokhale Hall. A photo of Gopal Krishna Gokhale was placed, and many dignitaries spoke on Independence. After several speeches, we were given delicacies which we filled our pockets with, and celebrated the day shouting slogans with pride and happiness. I feel that Independence Day celebrations today do not hold any meaning. Many youngsters look upon it as just a holiday. Celebrations seem meaningless as not everyone is aware of the Independence Day struggle or read about it. Students are forced to celebrate the day.

H M SHIVANNA (85),
FREEDOM FIGHTER, HASSAN

I AM proud of Independence Day, which is an important national festival. Unfortunately, people, especially the youth, lack interest in celebrating national festivals. I remember waking up at 5am on August 15, 1947, to pay tribute for a few minutes to those who fought for Independence and the welfare and development of the country. I was passionate about wearing the traditional Nehru shirt, kurta and white cap, all khadi clothes, on Independence Day. I remember the police personnel maintaining discipline and senior officials of the district administration and students of different colleges during the march past, it was fantastic. The place where the national flag was hoisted was decorated with traditional mango leaves, banana stalks and flowers. Rangoli was also drawn in front of the pole installed to hoist the flag. Many people brought sweets and distributed them among schoolchildren. There were no entertainment events by students or organisations. Only patriotic songs were played after the National Anthem. We could not have enjoyed freedom if freedom fighters didn't lay down their lives for Independence.

DUNDAPPA A MUDDANNAVAR (87),
NATIVE OF AGASAGI VILLAGE, AT PRESENT STAYING IN SADASHIV NAGAR, BELAGAVI

I was 12 years old when India won Independence from Britishers. Though there was no grandeur, all were in great joy and happiness over getting Independence. We were staying in the village and celebrations took over Belagavi. My elder brother had taken me to Belagavi to see and celebrate Independence Day. The merchants of Ganpat Galli were celebrating Independence by decorating their buildings with flowers and whatever they got. We also visited the railway station to witness the celebration. But, after returning to the village, I saw that villagers were not aware of how to hoist the Indian flag. They hoisted the flag by tying it to a bamboo stalk. My brother and I then corrected the flag. There is a lot of difference between the celebrations during the first years of Independence and now. Independence was a matter of great joy and happiness for people then, and they celebrated together without any differences. People discussed how Mahatma Gandhi made powerful British rulers leave India without war or violence. But now, people have become egoistic and are divided along political lines. There is no essence of that celebration I witnessed in the earlier days.

AJIT G MAJUKAR (82),
EX-SERVICEMAN (INDIAN AIR FORCE), RUNNER-UP MR INDIA BODYBUILDER

It was an Independence Day celebration which I attended during my childhood which prompted me to join the Indian defence services. During the Independence Day celebration, several youths and kids were on the streets, singing patriotic songs. These moments carried a lot of patriotic feeling during my childhood.

PARIS B BUDAVI (91), RETIRED HEADMASTER OF GOVERNMENT KANNADA SCHOOL, BELAGAVI

As a boy, I have seen the days before and after Independence. I cannot express the happiness and pride in attending Independence Day celebrations during my childhood. It was a patriotic feeling. The moments were unforgettable. And the feelings of those celebrations continue in me on Independence Day. When I was headmaster of the school, I did not ask any student to attend Independence Day celebrations. They attended on their own. It was their patriotic feeling which encouraged them to do so.

GUEST COLUMN

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE: AT 75, INDIA TAKING ON A GLOBAL ROLE

AS we celebrate the 75th Independence Day, 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav', soaked in patriotic fervour, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all my fellow Indians. What a delightful and joyous moment for all of us! On this day in 1947, India became the world's largest democracy after winning Independence from British colonialists who ruled this country for over 200 years.

A nation of 1.3 billion will be eagerly waiting to watch and listen when the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unfurls the Tricolour and delivers his Independence Day speech for the eighth consecutive time that will reverberate from the ramparts of the Red Fort. The PM had launched 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' in Gujarat on March 12 after paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and all the martyrs who lost their lives fighting for Independence. March 12, 2021, marked the 91st anniversary of the historic Salt Satyagraha. The year-long celebrations will culminate on August 15, 2022.

The country today stands at a crucial juncture amid changing geopolitical scenarios and a post-Covid new world order. Thanks to the dynamic leadership of our PM Narendra Modi, the world has been noticing India and taking it seriously. India is playing its role befitting its stature and gaining prominence at the global level like never before.

Our brave armed forces are giving a befitting reply to our neighbours who are getting aggressive along the LoC and LAC. The growing strategic ties with the USA, the Quad initiative, relationships with the ASEAN, the EU, balancing ties with Israel, Iran, Arab countries and relations with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives demonstrate Modi government's deft handling of foreign policy and national security.

The Covid-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc and posed unprecedented challenges. The Union Government ramped up health infrastructure, production of vaccines, medical oxygen and streamlined vaccination programmes. Taking it as a challenge, the Modi government has vaccinated more than 50 crore people in just a few months. Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, free cooking gas, food grains and financial aid are being provided to crores of people. People living below the poverty line have drastically reduced in the last few years.

The 'National Education Policy' will transform the education system and create opportunities. And Karnataka is the first state in India to implement NEP. The

performance of the Indian Olympic contingent and the way PM Modi motivated them was heartening.

MURUGESH R NIRANI,
Industries Minister

The government is encouraging industries including MSMEs, startups and exporters with sops to make India self-reliant and an integral part of global supply chains. Eliminating retrospective taxation and decriminalization of some industrial laws will boost investor confidence and ensure ease of doing business.

The new Karnataka team, headed by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, will work with a new resolve and commitment. As Industries Minister, I've set my goals and priorities. The biggest challenge is addressing the unemployment problem, attracting more investments, maintaining Karnataka's lead position in industries and its reputation as a major destination for investors. Karnataka has always been known for its investor-friendly atmosphere, and we'll continue to extend support to industrialists and ensure ease of doing business.

Karnataka's contribution to the freedom struggle was immense and historically very significant. The fights and movements of several rulers of princely states, revolutionaries and rebellions such as Kittur revolution and Vidurashwatha movement (known as South India's Jallianwala Bagh) are etched in the history of Indian freedom struggle.

The challenges are aplenty, so are the grit and determination of this government. It's time we shed our differences and strengthen the hands of the PM and realise the dream of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' a self-reliant India. Taking India to greater heights and making it a Vishwa Guru would be a befitting tribute to our martyrs on the 75th Independence Day.

Keep more beds, ICUs ready for kids, says CM

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MORE beds and ICUs will be reserved for paediatric care, the Chief Minister said. All the people staying in villages that are 10 km from Maharashtra and Kerala borders will be monitored closely for any spike in cases. "I have instructed officials to test and vaccinate all these people in border villages," he said.

The government will micromanage the Covid situation at the taluk level in border districts. Suitable action will be taken in taluks that report positivity rate higher than 2 per cent, even when the district is showing lower numbers, he said.

According to experts, the second wave is on the wane. But what is worrying is that even in its last leg, the numbers are high at 1,400 to 1,800 cases per day. "Towards the end of first wave, the State was reporting only around 200 cases per day. The present situation is way more alarming," he warned.

The government is stressing on district-specific Covid action plan, as some have high positivity rate, some high number of deaths, while others have low testing and vaccination figures, he added. More testing and vaccination is needed in Chamarajanagar, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Mysuru, Hassan, Kodagu, Shivamogga and Chikkamagaluru districts, which continue to report a high number of Covid cases, he said.

On the Kerala government approaching the high court against the decision making RTPCR-negative certificate mandatory for those entering Karnataka, Bommai said, "Because of them, neighbouring states, including Karnataka, are suffering. It's a matter of life and livelihood. Instead of approaching court, they should have focused on improving health infrastructure and controlling cases," he added.

Veteran of two wars passes away

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VASANT Lad, an 84-year-old war veteran who had taken part in the war against China and the 1971 Bangladesh liberation war, passed away at his residence in Saptapur, Dharwad, late on Friday.

Lad is survived by his wife and three children.

After training at the Maratha Light Infantry, Lad was posted in Chennai and then Nagaland before taking part in the wars. During the 1971 Indo-Pak war for Bangladesh liberation, Lad was presumed dead and the authorities had even informed his family via telegram.

However, Lad's father refused to believe it and met the family astrologer, who also vouched that Lad was alive. Interestingly, when the family was observing 13th day ritual to mark Lad's death, a telegram came home informing that he was alive.

"A photo of Lad with a garland had been installed at Saptapur during the 13th day ritual and the crowd around was shouting Vasant Lad Amar Rahe slogans. What came as a surprise was a telegram from the military headquarters that said he was not dead but was admitted to hospital with injuries,'' recalls Ganesh Kadam, a family friend.

Later, it was confirmed by the authorities that Narayan Lad, another soldier, had died in the war and by mistake the telegram sent to Vasant's house.

SOUTH REPORTS

TN appoints 24 non-Brahmin priests

Chennai: Over 15 years after the DMK regime in 2006 issued an order allowing people from all communities to become priests in temples, Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday here handed over appointment letters to 24 non-Brahmin priests and a woman as an 'odhuvar'. Of the 24, five belong to scheduled communities. This is the first time men from scheduled communities were appointed as priests in temples under the State's management. **ENS**

Man kills self due to 'moral policing'

Malappuram: Noted art director and teacher Suresh Chaliyath was found hanging in his house at Vengara near here on Saturday after he allegedly faced physical assault from a moral policing gang in the area. According to neighbours, a group of 15 people had manhandled Suresh in front of his family members on Friday. The gang alleged an illicit relationship between Suresh and the mother of one of his students. **ENS**

Govt must get serious on climate change, says BKC

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THERE are excellent bureaucrats, but the government lacks the will to draw up plans and projects which are climate-friendly. It is tragic that the Central Government has allocated just Rs 20 lakh to Karnataka to mitigate climate change, said Prof BK Chandrashekar, president, Bangalore Climate Change Initiative - Karnataka.

Speaking to *TNSE* on the sidelines of a discussion on the recently released IPCC report on climate change, he said on Saturday that every politician should sign a declaration that he would not touch forests, Western Ghats and coastal regions.

In 2013-14, too, an IPCC report pointed to severe floods, droughts and other climate-related events. But the government paid little attention to it, he said.

Dr KN Ravindranath from IISc, who co-authored the IPCC report, said in the Paris agreement it was said that the temperature could rise by 1.5 degree Celsius by 2040-50. But now, it could happen by 2030. There is already a 1.1 degree Celsius rise in temperature, and you can see the damage caused because of this. Many places have experienced severe flooding, while others have been wracked by drought, he added.

"To mitigate the environmental impact at the local level, the government should start drawing up projects immediately keeping climate change in mind. Everyone must reduce green house gas emissions and look at solar and wind energy," he said.

Crop varieties should be developed that are drought and flood tolerant, while a contingency plan should be prepared, he said.

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CLIMATE CODE RED: INDIA MUST GO VOCAL & LOCAL

THE latest climate change report defined by the United Nations as 'code red for humanity', lines up every imaginable catastrophe. For Indians, beyond the colour coding, it is not exactly 'breaking news'. Indeed, India has been a witness and victim of the accelerated and aggravating consequences of climate change for decades.

Every threat highlighted is recorded in India's evolving contemporary history. The retreat of glaciers in the Himalayas has been known since 2005. The fall in availability, access, and sinking levels of ground water in hinterland has been recorded for over three decades as chronicled in my book 'The Gated Republic'. The increase in the number of tropical cyclones is a lived experience — across the east coast and, now, the west coast too.

The melding of human and natural causes leading to the submergence of coastal areas is not unknown. As early as in the 1990s, this columnist had reported on the submergence of villages near Mavinkurve in North Karnataka. A July 2018 study by the Ministry of Earth Sciences reveals large-scale erosion across the 7,500 km of India's coastline.

THE THIRD EYE
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Extreme weather events, high rainfall and floods are now expected annual events. The report says it will get worse as the Indian Ocean as also the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal warmed faster than global average. Rising sea levels threaten the existence of cities such as Kochi, Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata which house over 30 million — a spectre highlighted in studies by Susmita Dasgupta at the World Bank over a decade back.

Soon after its release, the Minister for Environment and Climate Change reminded developed nations of their obligations under the Paris Agreement on "delivery of promised climate finance and technologies at low cost keeping in perspective per capita emissions" and level of development for sustainability.

India has argued that its per capita carbon emission is among the lowest while the developed world has harped on rising emissions. The drone of data and distractive discourse will continue. India's response to the global moves depends on the many variables and exigencies which define geopolitics. As developed economies such as the US and EU re-design their economy, global funds are installing a new filter called ESG to dictate the flow of trillions of dollars of investments.

The question is what India can do at home to mitigate the visible and possible consequences of climate change. As India turns 75, it is an opportune moment to reflect and ensure sustenance of life and livelihoods. India must go vocal on local solutions and the template of governance to deal with the challenges across sectors. Here are five ideas to start with.

Identify the vulnerable: It is critical to identify the vulnerable using technology to map geographical and economic terrain — habitations and sectors which will be most affected. India's policy on crisis mitigation and disaster management revolves around evacuation and compensation. It needs to evolve towards a migration plan graded by risk to shift folks out of danger zones and enable re-skilling of livelihoods facing uncertainty – and also think of a Plan B for 3.5 million remitting dollars from petro economies.

Redraw crop map: Water is key for India to feed its billion-plus populace. Right now what is grown where and how is defined by partisan politics and distortionary input and output policies. Farmers in Punjab and Haryana are mining ground water to grow paddy, and sugarcane is grown in rain shadow zones. It is time for the idea of 'per drop more crop' to be translated on the ground. The RBI's priority sector lending policy of 2020 and the facility of e-RUPI can enable promotion of drip irrigation and solar farms. Just as with new farm laws, states must demonstrate success through model farms like C Subramaniam did for the Green Revolution.

Revive the '100 new Smart Cities' idea: India's urbanisation is stranded between aspiration and apathy. The existence of over 3,500 census towns caught between rural and urban definitions affords the opportunity to set up new cities. Using satellite imagery, study of topography, and modern town planning, these towns/cities could be set up as models of self-sustained eco-systems for living and livelihood. All the government needs to do is earmark infra and invite the private sector to build.

Retail Solar Revolution: India's energy narrative is stuck in the rut of megawatt ambitions instead of resting on kwhr aspirations. Weaning the urban populace off the dependence on the grid to power homes for curbing emission requires a simple easy to adopt policy framework backed by income-based incentives. Yes, there is a rooftop solar programme but getting one on apartment blocks or backyards requires the skills of a rocket scientist-turned-lawyer.

Global Grand Challenge: India is emerging as an epicentre for start-ups and unicorns. Why not set up a grand global challenge for climate change mitigation business ideas — be it mobility or reskilling — which can expand on the size of the domestic economy with necessary tax sweeteners.

The upside of greening the political economy is clear – jobs, income and sustainable growth. The 75th year of Independence beckons the political class to live up to the aspirations of the people.

THE TIME HAS COME, WARNS MAMATA

POINT OF VIEW
TJS GEORGE

WHAT is Mamata Banerjee up to? That she is unlike any other chief minister is obvious. While others are confined to their respective states, Mamata stands out as a leader with an all-India profile. Every time she visits Delhi, there is speculation about a national coalition taking shape. On one visit, she said that regional parties should lead the nation. Next time Narendra Modi fights elections, she said, it will be against a coalition that represents the country. "It will be Modi versus country" in 2024 as she put it.

In Modi versus country, who will lead the "country"? Forget the Yediyurappas and the Pinarayi Vijayans. Don't even glance at the M K Stalins and the Chandrashekar Raos. They are so "localised" that they won't even be recognised outside their municipal boundaries. Chandrashekar Rao, absolutely convinced about his national importance, will not even get a seat in a Bangalore-Mysore bus unless someone makes special arrangements for him. Mamata will easily get a seat because every local passenger will recognise her while most of them will also admit that they like her.

There is a fetching kind of daring when she says "Modi versus country." She took care, during her stay in Delhi, to say: "I don't want to be the face (of the opposition). I want to continue as a worker and we need to work together." That sounds, in the language of politics, like saying that she is ready to be the worker extraordinaire.

It is of course clear by now that people would welcome a change from the present situation. The power of the Narendra Modi Government has been so pervasive that a desire for some kind of a let-up has developed in recent years though not articulated with any loudness. This desire covers all political formulations and all linguistic territories.

It is not insignificant that Mamata stressed her equations with "major opposition leaders" and specifically mentioned "Jagan (Mohan Reddy), Naveen Babu (Patnaik), Chandrababu (Naidu), Stalin (M K), Uddhav (Thackeray) and Hemant Soren." She did not forget to add that she also had a chat with Lalu Yadav. "If there is a political storm, you won't be able to stop it," she said. There was no need to speculate over the implications of her words when she said: "Regional parties will lead the nation. We will not bow down before anyone any more. The time has come."

That famous declaration was ominous even when it was first proclaimed by the Walrus in 'Alice in Wonderland'. "The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things — of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings, and why the sea is boiling hot, and whether pigs have wings." A few generations after those immortal lines were penned, pigs did get wings. And we, the citizens, have been suffering the consequences ever since.

Alice's Wonderland anticipated our fate. "I weep for you," the Walrus said. "I deeply sympathise." As for the Carpenter, he said: "O Oysters, you've had a pleasant run! Shall we be trotting home again? But answer came there none. And this was scarcely odd, because they had eaten every one."

Consistently, the citizen finds his oyster eaten by the power-wielders. But this activity is no longer as innocent as it was in the days of Alice. The days of Modi, of Rahul Gandhi, are different. Under the influence of these modern-day mandarins, people's oysters are not merely eaten up by unauthorised netas; the very constitution of oysters is transformed by power-wielders. In West Bengal, the education minister tells us, wherever the BJP could exercise its power, chapters on secularism were omitted from school textbooks. In Uttar Pradesh, chapters on Tagore were taken out of the curriculum. The UP Board of Education dropped S Radhakrishnan also from Class 10-12 syllabus. What kind of Indian history can they teach without principal players such as Tagore and Radhakrishnan?

Actually, that is a politically naive question. All through history, there have been attempts by rulers to promote certain influences and delete certain other influences. They succeed during their life time, but the fundamental realities of history have a way of asserting themselves in due course. Even recent cases such as Indira Gandhi prove this.

The Modi juggernaut has been successful in getting its priorities recognised as national priorities. But the inherent reality of that proposition is that it is intended to secure the status of an individual leader as distinct from the status of the nation. Circumstances helped that individual to benefit from that reality. But the reality is fundamentally fraudulent.

EXPOSE TWITTER'S HOLLOWNESS AS DIGITAL SLAVERY

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TWITTER, of late, has become good at flipping the blue bird. Rahul Gandhi believes the character of Indian democracy can be affected by 280 characters. Ironically, while India celebrates 75 years of Independence, our politicians are digital slaves. Twitter recently blocked RG's handle, cauterising the attention of his 19.5 million followers and the right to interact with their idol The Congress claims that over 5,000 accounts of their members were blocked for sharing photographs of Rahul interacting with the family of a 9-year-old girl who was allegedly raped and killed in Delhi last week.

The incensed Gandhi scion and his legions charged Twitter with "interfering in our political process" and asserted that the "company is making its business to define our politics". Other political parties followed suit in castigating Twitter's selective salvo. For now, the shoe was on the other foot; previously, Twitter had blocked suspended handles of many social workers, film stars and Union Ministers. A couple of weeks before Ravi Shankar Prasad lost his job, his Twitter handle was temporarily blocked for copyright violations. At that time, the BJP went on a verbal rampage but didn't take any action, presumably because Prasad was going to be shown the door anyway.

The outburst of global political figures against a corporation whose existential purpose is to disseminate a few sentences reflects the growing chasm between leaders and their target audiences. Indian political leaders — for sure — are heavily dependent on social media to amplify their views, rather than their own tried, trusted and tested organisational machinery. Undoubtedly, the near-comatose Congress has lost direct touch both with the masses and grassroots workers. Its excessive dependence on digital and social media is an indication that the party has given up on traditional opinion dynamics through agitations, active party programmes and other means of physical interaction with its own followers.

The Congress isn't the only one trapped in the gladiatorial labyrinth of technology. It was the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi which first leveraged social media to its advantage. Soon after becoming Prime Minister in 2014, Modi adopted Twitter, Facebook and other social media (SM) mediums to capture India's digital mind space. He visited Facebook headquarters to display his love for the medium. He sees Twitter and Facebook as the fastest and most credible emissaries to carry his messages to the masses and as tools to marginalise his opponents. By massively investing in social media, Modi and his government almost ejected his opponents from the new technology space globally. Union ministers, chief ministers, BJP office bearers and frontal organisations were instructed to rev the Twitter torque to dominate the narrative.

With over 70 million followers, Modi is the second most followed politician after Barack Obama who tops the global list with more than 129 million followers. However, the Indian PM is more active — ever since he became a micro blogger in January 2009, he has posted over 30,000 tweets as against Obama's 16,000. The former POTUS is liberal in following others — around six lakh persons as against barely 2,345 by Modi. However, both leaders have more followers than the total number Twitter handles in their own countries. Nine of the top 10 Indian accounts happen to be that of Bollywood stars.

But only the US, a few western nations and India are obsessed with social media. Of the 330 odd magnetisable Twitter accounts, over one third are in the US and India. In the US, celebrities outnumber politicians on SM. Only Donald Trump had total SM mastery and was the most followed political personality when he was in power. This digital dependence became his nemesis after being blocked by the companies when he was on the verge of defeat. Before the fall, Trump was the irrefutable icon on the same blogging

conglomerates.

The Trump episode was an indicator that Twitter and its ilk are capable of influencing national gestalt. They have been accused of creating algorithms that can alter the outcome of any narrative. Twitter has often been blamed for bias, supporting the Left-liberal point of view worldwide. Leaving aside film, sports and other social luminaries, over 90 per cent of Twitteratis with a following of over a million or more are Left wing. Researchers have discovered that once an individual acquires a prominent position in politics or media, he or she is assured of a huge following as well as maximum traction in terms of likes, dislikes and RTs to create a false impression about their popularity and credibility. In fact, Twitter appears to be a highly exclusive and divisive platform where an algorithm can ensure disproportionate dominance of partisan punditry.

Surprisingly, many famous personalities have questioned Twitter's follower audit mechanism. For example, a few years ago when Amitabh Bachchan and Shah Rukh Khan were competing over the number of Twitter followers, the Big B, who was ahead of Shah Rukh, suddenly discovered a downward trend in his followers. He posted a funny, sarcastic tweet and presto! His numbers were restored! Twitter was invented as a platform to share passions, actions and creativity and not to abuse, misuse or destroy reputations. But in 15 years, it has become an arena to settle personal scores. It is a messenger without a meaningful message. However, it has also become a massive multinational corporation which earned $3.7 billion in 2020, of which 86 per cent was from advertising alone. Despite the pile of dollars, it posted a net loss of $1.1 billion last year, its first annual loss since 2017.

As someone wrote recently, "Twitter is the perpetual cocktail party where everyone is talking at once but nobody is saying anything."

Paradoxically, it has become an alternative link between leaders and followers, voters and leaders, customers and producers. But it is nothing more than an oligarchy of commercial and competitive communication. A recent study noted that over 50 per cent of account holders never tweet. Only ten percent of Twitteratis post 80 per cent of the content. Fake accounts, whose only hobby is to troll opponents, are unearthed regularly. It is not a coincidence that conservative Europe doesn't appreciate social media. The UK leads the West with 17 million accounts followed by France (10 million), Spain, Canada and Germany with just seven million each. Most of their leaders use SM sparingly.

Yet, our netas complain over Twitter's opaque operational operandi. Some prominent social backward groups have accused it of being elitist and gagging their tweets while granting the coveted blue tick to only certain individuals. Twitter gets more attention from Indian leaders than it deserves. With just 22 million active accounts, which is not even half of the readership of five English dailies in the country, Indian leaders have fallen for the bird brain — a fake alchemist who promises to turn words into gospel gold. Many YouTubers get over 25 million viewers and hits per day. Twitter purrs like a content house cat which can be easily silenced by the roar of even a junior politician. Calling Twitter a threat to democracy is juvenile hype.

Twitter is turning itself into a narrow well filled with filth. Compulsive Tweeple shout repeatedly only to echo their own voice altered by its obnoxious odour. A healthy democracy needs to fill it up rather than helplessly becoming its victim. Numerous argumentative Indians on Twitter are fatuous frogs croaking compulsively, proud of their self important echoes and egos. A healthy democracy needs to fill the well with wisdom and restraint instead of allowing it to be marred by digital filth. Democratic dialogue doesn't need a monetised medium. By placing it on a pedestal of digital dignity, the human communication becomes a bot's idea of 280 characters.

QUOTE CORNER

We have started consultations, inside the government with elders and political leaders, representatives of different levels of the community as well as our international allies. Soon, the results will be shared with you

Ashraf Ghani, Afghanistan President

We apologise to the victims of the catastrophe caused by the Spanish military occupation of Mesoamerica and the territory of the current Mexican Republic. The conquest and colonisation are signs of backwardness, not of civilisation.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, Mexico President

While other countries are celebrating the return of their athletes, we are subjecting ours to the most cruel and uncaring treatment. They are being punished for proudly representing their country with distinction at the Olympic

Matt Carroll, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Olympic Committee

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Help our sportspersons

TJS George has touched on a subject which is definitely the need of the hour, particularly when the pandemic has sapped not only the energy but also the finances of many people. (Those who giveth, those who taketh; Aug 8) It is heartening to learn that most of the rich Indians are philanthropists and the amount spent by them towards health, education and other charity purposes is mind boggling. While reading through the article, my thoughts lingered on interviews given by our Olympians highlighting their hardship due to poverty. It is time our philanthropists create a funds exclusively to be used to identify sports talents.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Wrong Covid strategy

Somewhere along the line of Covid treatment, after the initial success, our overconfidence made us take giant steps backwards, akin to stretching our legs before sitting down, losing our balance and fight against the virus. (How to win the Covid tug of war'; Aug 14) Confusion followed as all above 18 were made eligible for vaccination while a shortage of vaccines prevented even the vulnerable from getting it. To make matters worse in Kerala, relaxations like opening up Bevco outlets to long queues and other concessions in the wrong places, have all contributed to the mess we are in right now. Instead of IAS officers calling the shots, the government would do well to listen to what doctors say, for a change.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta.

Keep Parliament in order

In a vibrant democracy, integrity of its three pillars – Executive, Legislature and Judiciary – are prerequisite for smooth conduct of democracy (Power &Politics; Aug13). As rightly indicated therein, while it is the duty of the ruling party, to ensure proper functioning of House, it is certainly the duty of Opposition not to interrupt proceedings of House. The rule by Modi marked beginning of a new era of a single party rule. The Opposition blindly oppose the present government. Democracy is not a spectator sport. It is a participatory event. In reality, people will have the last word.

Jayashree Thampi,Thiruvanthapuram

Pragmatic state budget

Tamil Nadu's Finance Minister PTR Palanivel Thiagarajan has done exceptionally well in presenting his maiden budget. Though it is a revised budget estimate for 2021-2022, for the new government this budget has all the ingredients to propel growth and development in a balanced manner. Given the backdrop of the pandemic, the budget has come as a fresh lead towards growth and sustainable development in various sectors. It is heartening to see new age concepts like 'data centric governance' come into the public domain. The focus on extending social benefits to the downtrodden while the state keeps pace with urban and industrial development is encouraging. The allocation of health, skill training are good initiatives.

Nicholas Francis, Madurai

Ensuring right to education

The report that nearly 13,000 schools run by Christian organisations are not offering admission to poor students does not sit it well with them. If not all, a vast majority of such schools must have been named after Christian saints who propagated lofty values. By denying admission to poor students for the sake of money, such schools are not not only mocking those saints but also belittling Christ.

C G Kuriakose, Malippara

Vax gap was never scientific

We should not be surprised when Cyrus Poonwala's claimed that the gap between vaccines was increased due to its shortage. The government has fooled us when it claimed that gap was increased for enhanced protection. It was natural for the early birds who completed second shots as per earlier advice. In fact, it became clearer when government allowed shots for those who were going abroad. It's clearly proved that scientific community were used to manage demand-supply gap.

N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
In my conversations with @Twitter I took strong exception to the policy of automatically locking accounts

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
I demand "caste census" to give proper impetus to the upliftment and inclusive developmental works of the poor & deprived

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Contributing to our full potential, let's support development of the country, and once it is elevated to the rank of Vishwaguru

Port worry for India as Taliban inch closer

Chabahar project undertaken jointly by Iran, Afghanistan & India stands to become irrelevant if Kabul falls to militia

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

WITH the Taliban advancing dangerously close to Kabul and the security situation deteriorating in Afghanistan at a rapid pace, India has been on tenterhooks with regards to its assets in the war-torn country. Another worry haunting the Indians would be the fate of the Chabahar Port in Iran, built jointly by India, Afghanistan and Iran.

Experts feel that should the militant group assume power in Afghanistan, Chabahar, which was built with an aim to side-step Pakistan and counter its Gwadar Port, stares at becoming irrelevant.

"Chabahar's fate itself might not be affected by recent developments in Afghanistan, but the broader vision of expanding the North-South Transport Corridor (NSTC) eastward into Afghanistan and beyond (E-NSTC+) is a different story. It seems unlikely that India can continue to rely on E-NSTC+ as its primary economic mode of engagement with Afghanistan, especially since it doesn't have any formal ties with the group but openly continues to support its opponents in Kabul," Russia-based political analyst Andrew Korybko said.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, in the recently held connectivity summit in Uzbekistan, had proposed to include Chabahar Port in the International North-South Transport Corridor.

Echoing his views was international relations analyst Sanjay Kapoor, who felt that India stands to lose a lot of influence in the region, particularly in Afghanistan, due to the lackadaisical attitude in completion of the port project.

"New Delhi did not want to do anything to antagonise the US government after it had imposed sanctions on Iran. Now, the Americans have partnered with Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan to make a new connectivity corridor! Not only did India baulk at its promise to provide a line of credit in 2018 to build a railway route from Chabahar to Zahedan, the Indian company that is supposed to build and manage port Shahid Behesti, India Port Global, is a leaderless entity that is in a state of drift," he said.

Korbyko said India if changes its policy with regard to the Taliban, albeit late, out of pure economic pragmatism in order to safeguard the viability of its ambitious E-NSTC+ vision, it arguably benefits average Afghans by creating sustainable economic opportunities for them. "New Delhi's E-NSTC+ vision is more endangered by the day the longer that it delays talking to the Taliban and cutting off its military support for Kabul," he added.

Another aspect related to Chabahar Port that the Indians would be closely watching is the possible rise of China. A security analyst, who did not wish to be named, said that China would like assert its influence on West Asia through Afghanistan by bringing the war-torn country into the scheme of things in connection with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Media reports claimed that the Chinese government had recently said that it would be willing to recognise the Taliban government if it came to power. These reports emerged after the Taliban leadership met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on July 28.

The Chabahar Port has been built with a strategic aim of sidestepping Pakistan

INDIA'S ECONOMIC CONCERNS

- Fate of Chabahar Port hangs in balance. Constructed with the aim of bypassing Pakistan. If Taliban emerges victorious, port's relevance will be in doubt.
- India has helped Afghanistan build infra projects worth $3 billion. Important ones include Salma Dam, Shatoot Dam, Afghan Parliament etc
- Given India's anti-Taliban stance, these structures face attack threat

SECURITY CONCERNS

- Afghan soil may be used by anti-India elements
- Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba have shifted base to Afghanistan
- Militants from Kashmir could be stationed in Afghanistan and trained for anti-India activities

RS ruckus probe should not be biased, writes MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

WITH the Opposition and the government blaming each other for the ruckus in the Parliament, Communist Party of India (CPI) MP Binoy Viswam on Saturday wrote to secretary-general of Rajya Sabha to conduct a detailed probe into the events of August 11 and stop selective leaking of CCTV footage of the House. He said this was done to blame the Opposition parties and mislead the country.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu watched the entire visual recording of the incidents in the upper House, including those involving some members and marshals. The Opposition has blamed the Centre for marshals being called in and manhandling of women MPs by them, while the Centre said that the Opposition attacked the marshals and sought action against them.

Vishwam demanded that the complete footage of the House on August 11 be provided to the Opposition members, against whom such allegations were being made, along with all the complaints, documents and evidences against them.

Demanding that the Rajya Sabha chairman constitute a special committee to probe allegations of misbehaviour and indiscipline by Opposition members and take strict action against those found guitly, Viswam alleged, "In order for a fair and just probe into the incident, it is imperative that the Rajya Sabha not be turned into a political tool for the government. And selective leaks related to the events of 11th August must be stopped immediately."

He further said that any probe into these incidents must abide by the principles of justice and as such the complete footage of the House be provided to the MPs of the Opposition, against whom such allegations are being made, in addition to all such complaints or other documents pertaining to them.

"Since then, the Government has used every avenue to portray a biased and concocted narrative against members of the Opposition. From the selective leaking of privileged property of the Rajya Sabha in the form of CCTV footage and internal documents to the filing of false allegations by the marshals alleging assault by the Opposition MPs, it is clear that the government is actively trying to mislead the country and whitewash its own draconian actions during this session," added the Rajya Sabha MP.

On August 11, there were stormy scenes in Rajya Sabha, with torn papers flying around the seat of the Chairperson of the House and MPs blaming each other for misbehaving.

I-DAY MESSAGE

Prez praises staff, govt for Covid fight

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NO infrastructure could withstand the second wave of Covid-19, President Ram Nath Kovind said on Saturday, urging everyone to get vaccinated, adding that the country is still battling with the pandemic.

In his address to the nation on the eve of India's 75th Independence Day, the president expressed grief over the loss of lives, but added that the solace is that more lives were saved than lost thanks to the efforts of the healthcare staff and the government. Stressing that the country is yet to come out of its devastating effects, Kovind emphasised there is no room for complacency and people should not let their guard down.

"The second wave brought our public healthcare infrastructure under stress. Reality is no infrastructure, even of advanced economies, could withstand a crisis of such enormous proportions. Efforts were made on war-footing to plug the gaps," he said.

The president also spoke about the sanctity of the Parliament, calling it the "temple of the country's democracy" which provides the highest forum to discuss, debate and decide issues for the well-being of people. Kovind's remarks came against the backdrop of the recent ruckus and continuous disruptions that led to the abrupt adjournment of the two Houses.

He also spoke in favour of the new Parliament building which is under construction and said it is a matter of great pride. "It will be a fitting statement of our outlook. It will honour our legacy while also walking in step with the contemporary world," he said.

Plaints against supply of foodgrains on the rise

KUMAR VIKRAM @New Delhi

COMPLAINTS of irregularities in public distribution of free foodgrains during the pandemic in 2020 recorded a steep rise. Numbers increased nearly three times compared to the previous year. These complaints were related to leakage, diversion of foodgrains, not reaching intended beneficiaries, quality and quantity, etc. Uttar Pradesh recorded maximum number of complaints.

Ministry officials said there have been reports of irregularities in implementation of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) as well as reports of supply of rotten foodgrains. Since operational responsibilities of TPDS rest with the states/UTs, these complaints are sent to them for inquiry and action to be taken.

A look at state-wise data discloses that Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal received higher number of complaints in 2020 during the first wave. Southern states like Tamil Nadu (51), Karnataka (76) and Andhra Pradesh (24) recorded fewer complaints.

A parliamentary standing committee in its recent report took note of the issue and said that in spite of the system of monitoring, diversion of foodgrains continues. "It is pertinent to ensure that these systems work properly. In view of the aforesaid position, the committee strongly recommends the department to ensure that the various monitoring mechanism work properly, failing which the objective of having the mechanism is defeated."

The committee felt the government should take the issue of monitoring seriously. "Since crores are spent for allocating subsidised foodgrains to the poorest of the poor in the country every year, it is vital that the benefits reach the intended sections of the society," it said.

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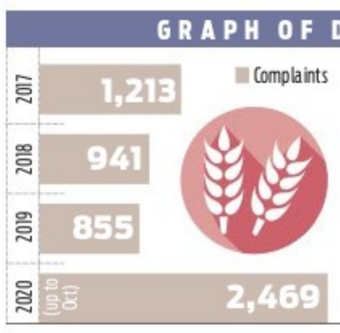


STATES WITH MOST COMPLAINTS (2020)	
Uttar Pradesh	769
Bihar	356
West Bengal	233
Delhi	121
Haryana	114

In March 2020, the government allocated about 121.43 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of foodgrains (rice/wheat) under the PM-GKAY scheme to all states/UTs for additional free-of-cost distribution to about 80 crore beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act. The PM-GKAY was extended for the next five months up to November 2020. An additional 201 LMT was allocated.

The TPDS is governed as per provisions of the National Food Security Act and operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and state governments. The Central government, through Food Corporation of India, has the responsibility of procuring, storing, transporting and allocating foodgrains in bulk to the states. The operational responsibility of allocating within the state, identifying eligible families, issuing ration cards rests with the states/UTs.

August 14 declared 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

A day before the 75th Independence Day, PM Narendra Modi on Saturday said the pain of Partition can never be forgotten and announced that August 14 will be remembered as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day in memory of the people's struggles and sacrifices during the partition.

The BJP said it was a rightful tribute to the struggles of people who were casualties of the Congress's ambition and tunnel vision. "Partition's pains can never be forgotten. Millions of our sisters and brothers were displaced and many lost their lives. In memory of the struggles and sacrifices, 14th August will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day," Modi tweeted.

COVID TRACKER

3,87,673
Active cases in India

97.45%
NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

2,446
Rise in active cases

22,29,798
Tests in 24 hours

63,80,937
Vaccinations in 24 hours

Vaccinations remain below projected target

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

DESPITE claims by the Centre to make available nearly 20 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses in August, average daily inoculations in the month so far has been about 44 lakh, marginally above the July figures.

From August 1 to 13, just about 5.7 crore vaccine doses were administered in India. Average daily vaccination was 44, 44,562. It indicates that unless there is a significant supply step-up over the next two weeks, total doses administered this month will hover only around 13-14 crores at the most.

In July, nearly 40 lakh average daily vaccinations were carried out, when total supplies were nearly 12 crore.

For August, various senior government authorities had projected that nearly 15 crore doses of Covishield, 3-4 crore doses of Covaxin and 1 crore doses of Sputnik V would be available. The situation on ground seems different.

A look at the government's CoWin dashboard that updates daily vaccination numbers, suggests that the highest daily vaccination this month thus far has been a little over 65 lakh. But the average daily vaccination plummeted to 17 lakh on days, mostly on weekends.

Overall, in the country since January, over 54 crore vaccine doses have been administered, but less than 12 crore Indians are fully vaccinated yet. The government had set a target of vaccinating all 95 crore adults (approx) in India by December, but later revised its projected availability of vaccines.

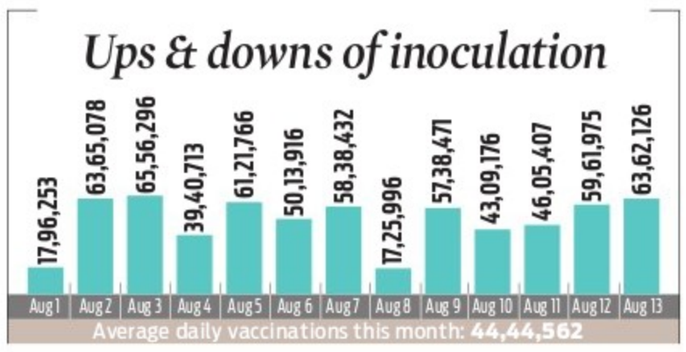
Experts have estimated that nearly 90 lakh shots need to be administered every day, if that goal is to be achieved but even insiders now concede that this may not be possible.

"Except for June 21, we have not touched 70 lakh daily vaccinations. Production figures are going high as shown by the government and vaccine makers but it is not reflecting in the supplies," said a vaccine expert attached with WHO India.

An internal note prepared by the Union health ministry, for instance, had said that in August, nearly 25.5 crore doses of the two vaccines will be manufactured, while it will go to a little above 26 crore in September and 28 crore in October.

The note by the government had also mentioned that between August and December, over 136 crore doses of Covishield and Covaxin would be manufactured in India.

Ups & downs of inoculation



Rahul, Cong handles active

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Twitter handle of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi and the party's official handle have been restored, a week after being temporarily blocked for posting pictures of the family of a nine-year-old victim of alleged rape and murder in Delhi. The action was taken after the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights wrote to Twitter demanding action.

The Commission has summoned Facebook officials, for failing to respond to its notice flagging Gandhi's Instagram video, for posting the same photo. The commission has asked Facebook officials to appear at 5 pm on Tuesday in-person at its office or through video conferencing.

J&K cops top gallantry medal list

SANA SHAKIL @New Delhi

KASHMIR was at the centre of police gallantry medals announced on the eve of the 75th Independence Day. The highest award in this category — President's Police Medal for Gallantry — was awarded to one each from Jammu & Kashmir Police and one from CRPF, for bravery displayed during counter-insurgency operations.

The most number of medals (257) were won again by the police department of Jammu and Kashmir. They were followed by CRPF, the only paramilitary force engaged in counter insurgency operations in Kashmir, which bagged 151 medals.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs announced 1,380 medals for police personnel for 2021, including 630 for gallantry and 750 for distinguished and meritorious services. Among the 630 gallantry medals, 398 were awarded for action in Jammu and Kashmir, 155 for Naxal operations and 27 for counter-insurgency in Northeast.

One of the who won the President's Police Medal is J&K Police sub-inspector Amardeep Parihar, for courage displayed during an encounter in Baramulla on August 20, 2019. The citation for the award says Parihar showed "indomitable courage and evacuated injured and other civilians outside the target house ensuring no further collateral damage".

The other awardee of this medal is CRPF head constable, the late Sunil Dattatraya Kale for his valiant action in Jammu and Kashmir, in which two Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists were killed in June 2020. Dattatraya won the award for bravery shown in fighting terrorists on June 23, 2020, when his team with squads of J&K Police and Rashtriya Rifles went for a joint cordon and search operation at Bandzoo village in Pulwama.

According to a statement, when the team was nearing the spot, one terrorist opened fire. Kale was leading the team and he charged towards the terrorist and neutralised him. He then confronted another terrorist before being shot.

GALLANTRY AWARDS

INDIAN ARMY
- Shaurya Chakra : **06**
- Bar to Sena Medal: **04**
- Sena Medal: **116**
- Mention in Despatches: **28**

INDIAN AIR FORCE
- Shaurya Chakra: **02**
- Vayu Sena Medal: **02**

INDIAN NAVY
- Shaurya Chakra: **01**
- Nau Sena Medal: **05**

COAST GUARDS
- Tatrakshak Medal: **01**

ITBP personnel honoured for show of bravery during Ladakh stand-off

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AS many as 20 soldiers of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) are being awarded gallantry medals for bravery displayed in the stand-off with Chinese troops in Ladakh last year. In total, 23 personnel of the force are getting gallantry awards on Independence Day.

These awards were among the 1,380 service medals that the government announced for various state and central forces, including two President's Police Medals for Gallantry, 628 Police Medals for Gallantry, 88 President's Police Medals for distinguished service and 662 for meritorious service.

Speaking about medals won by the force, an ITBP spokesperson said this was the highest that the paramilitary force had won, for the bravery its personnel showed in "extremely challenginag conditions".

Twenty medals awarded to the force were for operations conducted between May-June last year, when it often came face-to-face with troops of People's Liberation Army. Eight ITBP personnel were awarded PMG for valour in the face-off with Chinese troops in Galwan valley on June 15.

Six ITBP personnel were awarded PMG for gallant action during the violent face-off on May 18 in Finger IV. Remaining medals to ITBP personnel were awarded for bravery in Hot Springs in Ladakh and anti-Naxal operations conducted in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.

BALANCING ACT

A 25-year-old man in Odisha's Bolangir district attempted a Guinness World Record for balancing a hockey stick for the longest duration on his right index finger with a timing of 3 hours 22 minutes

SIX ARMY MEN GET SHAURYA CHAKRA FOR ANTI-TERROR OPS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	26	Mumbai	30	28
Bhopal	30	22	Panaji	29	26
Jaipur	32	25	Patna	33	27
Amritsar	33	25	Lucknow	37	30
Chennai	34	28	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	33	28	Imphal	27	22
Srinagar	22	13	Chandigarh	37	28

CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER

Year after year, major constructions have taken place in the Himalayas with little or no consideration of the ecolgically fragile region. Deforestation and other factors accelerate the frequency of disasters

"The most critical factor that gets hidden behind the label of 'natural calamities' is the development model that has led to deforestation, increased erosion and slope destabilisation, which not just triggers more disasters but multiplies the damage caused"
Manshi Asher, environmentalist

"State authorities and construction companies simply refuse to recognise the fragile nature of Uttarakhand Himalayas. Even when weak zones are known, adequate care to carry out a geological investigation is not done. This is primarily due to insufficient planning"
Ravi Chopra, environmentalist

UTTARAKHAND
State Disaster Management Dept data shows a whopping 2,850% increase in landslide incidents from 2015 to 2020

HIMACHAL
MAJOR LANDSLIDES
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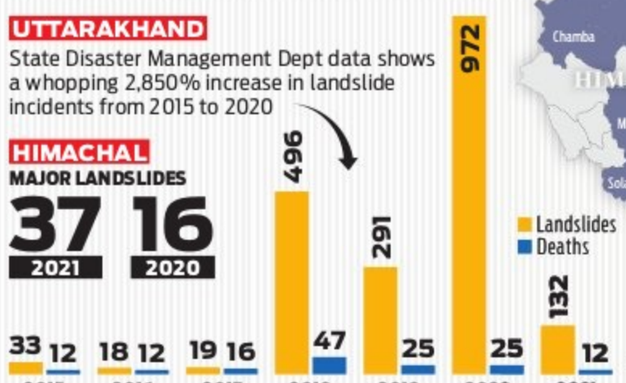

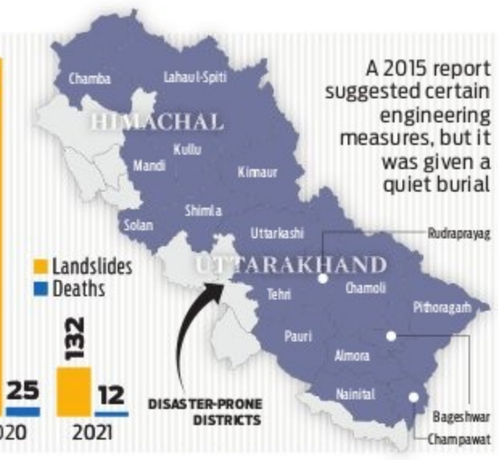

A 2015 report suggested certain engineering measures, but it was given a quiet burial

2,900% RISE IN LANDSLIDES IN U'KHAND

In Himachal Pradesh, incidents double in just one year; fingers pointed at aggressive development model

VINEET UPADHYAY & HARPREET BAJWA @ Dehradun/Chandigarh

A vehicle buried under the debris after a landslide in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh | PTI

ONE-hundred-seventy and counting. That's the number of landslide incidents, claiming more than 50 lives, in two hill states of north India — Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh this year. What's worrying is that the frequency and number of such disasters have, of late, seen an exponential rise, with Uttarakhand recording an alarming 2,900 per cent increase in past five years while in Himachal it has doubled in 2021 from last year.

According to data from Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Department, there were 33 landslide incidents in the state in 2015, claiming 12 lives. The number went up to an alarming 972 in 2020, with 25 deaths. This year, 132 incidents have taken place so far, claiming 12 lives.

Landslides, often triggered by flash floods, have wreaked havoc in Himachal as well. As per the data with the disaster management cell of the revenue department, the state has recorded 37 major landslides since June 13. Of these, 14 took place in the tribal Lahaul-Spiti district alone.

It's no coincidence that both states are witnessing an increasingly aggressive push to a developmental model that completely disregards the fragile Himalayan topography and ecology. Proliferation of dams, unregulated construction activity in name of expansion of road networks and mindless cutting of trees for such infrastructure projects, according to environmentalists, have made the mountains vulnerable and prone to landslides.

In Uttarakhand, the Char Dham Pariyojana (CDP) and the Rishikesh-Karnprayag Railway Line project have entailed deep cutting into the hill slopes and felling of trees to the extent that is recipe for an unmitigated disaster. Experts point out that insufficient geological studies pertaining to fragility of Uttarakhand Himalayas and inefficiency of expertise and knowledge in government machinery are key factors behind the unscientific approach adopted while executing such projects.

Ravi Chopra, environmentalist and chairman of the Supreme Court appointed high-powered committee (HPC) to monitor the CDP — an 889-km road-widening project worth ₹12,000 crore connecting the four shrines of Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri, a dream project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi — says, "The state authorities and construction companies simply refuse to recognise the fragile nature of Uttarakhand Himalayas. Even when weak zones are known, adequate care is not taken and adequate geological investigation is not done. This is primarily due to insufficient time and effort in planning and carrying out geological investigations, spending money to protect/treat landslide prone areas."

Citing the example of one stretch in CDP project, Chopra said, "On National Highway-125, 102 out of 174 fresh cut slopes were found to be landslide prone. Total 44 slope failures had taken place by mid-December 2019. Similar situation prevails on all the Char Dham highways. Many of the landslide prone locations identified by the HPC have turned out to be weak and collapsed repeatedly."

The final report of the HPC, set up in August 2019, submitted to various Union ministries and the SC last year points out lack of efforts to minimise the loss of green cover, amplifying the factors contributing in landslides. The report says about 700 hectares of forests have been lost, involving felling of over 47,000 trees, in CDP alone.

State government, however, have a different explanation for the rising incidents of landslide. Piyoosh Rautela, executive director, Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority, said, "Disaster reporting has increased in recent times due to increased awareness, infrastructure and robust surveillance. Hundreds of kilometers of road infrastructure are added every year. Data indicating more landslides does not necessarily mean that incidents have increased."

Covid negative result or vaccination certificate must to enter Punjab

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB government on Saturday ordered that those seeking to enter the state must produce either a Covid vaccination certificate (with both doses) or a negative RT-PCR test report from Monday.

The order comes amid a rise in test positivity rate in neighbouring Himachal Pradesh and J&K.

With projections that the number of fresh cases reported in the state will double in about 64 days if the present trend continues, the state government has also ordered that the number of tests conducted in the state be increased to at least 60,000 tests per day.

The new rules will apply to all those entering the state via road, rail or air. Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh said if a person has neither the RT-PCR negative certificate or vaccination certificate, they must produce the results of a Rapid Antigen Test unless he or she recently recovered from Covid.

After reviewing the state's preparation to meet a possible third wave, Amarinder directed the health department to undertake priority sentinel testing for OPD/IPD patients at government and private hospitals, travellers at entry points, government offices, industries and labour colonies, staff at marriage palaces, restaurants, pubs, bars, gyms etc.

Based on this, the districts should formulate strategies for micro-containment zones, he said, noting with satisfaction that the GIS-based surveillance and prevention tool, with an auto-trigger mechanism for localised restrictions, is now functioning in all districts and will help implement local restrictions if needed.

ON GUARD

Delhi Police conduct security check on a vehicle ahead of 75th Independence Day at Vijay Chowk in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

BJP's Jan Aashirwad Yatra in UP from tomorrow

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a major outreach programme, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has planned a nationwide 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' for all the new ministers inducted into the Union cabinet. The five-day yatra will start from various places on Monday and will end on Friday.

Covering a total distance of more than 3,500 km across 36 Lok Sabha and more than 120 Assembly constituencies in the poll-bound Uttar Pradesh, the ministers, mainly from the state, will be holding various public meetings, said the BJP sources. As per the directives of the party's national president J P Nadda, UP BJP general secretary and Member Legislative Council Govind Narayan Shukla has been made in-charge of Jan Ashirwad Yatra in UP. As per the schedule, the Minister of State for Development of North- Eastern Region, B L Verma will lead the yatra from Brij region comprising Vrindavan, Mathura on August 16. He will cover Mathura district and some Assembly constituencies of Agra, Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar, Bulandshahr. He will finish his yatra at Budaun in western UP on August 19.

Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, SP Singh Baghel will start the yatra from Firozabad on August 18 and will end it in Mathura. On August 17, Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Bhanu Pratap Verma will start his yatra from Lalitpur and will reach Fatehpur on August 19 via districts of Jhansi, Mahoba, Banda and Chitrakoot.

Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishor will reach Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport in Lucknow on the morning of August 16 and will launch the yatra from Mohan in Unnao on the same day. The yatra will end at Sitapur on August 18 via Unnao, Rae Bareli and Barabanki in the Awadh region of the state.

U'khand officials were aware of fake testing during Kumbh, says report

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AN investigation report into irregularities in Covid-19 testing in Haridwar district during Kumbh, running into more than 1,100 pages, was submitted to the district magistrate on Saturday.

"I will not be able to comment on the matter before going through the report," C Ravishankar, district magistrate, said. The DM is likely to brief the media on the matter on Monday. However, highly-placed sources said many district health officials and mela health officials are likely to get sacked as the report says they were aware that fake testing was taking place during the event.

During Kumbh Mela, the Uttarakhand government had authoritised 11 laboratories to carry out Covid testing of those visiting the mela.

One of the laboratories selected had in turn selected two others—Nalwa Labs and Dr Lalchandani Labs. These two labs are under probe over irregularities in over 1 lakh Covid tests conducted by them. An inquiry was ordered on June 10 by the Haridwar district administration.

The district magistrate had directed the probe team to complete the inquiry within 15 days. But, multiple extensions were granted on requests made by the officials probing the case.

EXPRESS READ

More Indian sites added to intl wetlands list

New Delhi: Four more Indian sites —two each from Haryana and Gujarat—have been recognised as wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, taking the number of such sites in the country to 46, the Union Environment Ministry said Saturday. According to the ministry, for the first time, two wetlands in Haryana—Sultanpur National Park in Gurgaon and Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary in Jhajjar—have been included in the Ramsar list. "It is a matter of pride for us," Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted on Saturday.

BORDER DISPUTE

Explosion at Assam govt school amid tensions

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

TENSIONS over the Assam-Mizoram border dispute is far from over.

Miscreants on Friday night triggered a blast at a lower primary school run by the Assam government in the state's Hailakandi district. The school lies about 1 km from the border.

> The incident occurred at around 11-11.30 pm yesterday. A wall of the school building was partially damaged
> Police

Soon after the incident, senior officials of the district police and civil administration visited the spot to take stock of the situation, the police said.

"The incident occurred at around 11-11.30 pm yesterday. A wall of the school building was partially damaged. Local residents heard an explosion and informed the police," Hailakandi Superintendent of Police told this newspaper.

The area falls under the Gutguti border outpost of the Assam Police. "The matter is being investigated. Our officers are still at the site. There was no major damage to property, but since a chance was taken, we are seriously investigating it," Upadhyay said.

The incident comes weeks after violence on the interstate border on July 26 left six Assam Police personnel dead and scores of others, including an SP, injured. Earlier this year, miscreants had blown off two other government schools, one in Hailakandi and another in the neighbouring Cachar district.

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma told the state Assembly on Friday that the British administration had in 1870 given a forest to the Lushai Hills (present-day Mizoram).

The forest was bifurcated in 1932 with one portion going to Assam and the other to Mizoram. "When Mizoram was made a UT in 1972, it was decided that the 1932 boundary will be its boundary. During the (signing of) Mizo peace accord, that very boundary was agreed to be made Mizoram's boundary. Based on this boundary, Mizoram was created a state in 1987," Sarma stated.

15 villages to be declared free of Maoist threat

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

AUTHORITIES in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada, one of the districts in the country worst-affected by Maoist insurgency, had earlier this year begun an exercise to categorise villages in the districts into three groups—Green, Yellow, and Red—based on the level of insurgent threat.

The Dantewada Police in collaboration with the district administration has carried out a door-to-door survey and found that 15 villages that were once Maoist strongholds have reported "zero" Naxal activity in the last one year or so.

Come Independence Day, these villages would be declared Maoist-free.

"Fifteen villages would be declared free from the sway of the Maoists on August 15. In the survey, we asked 10 simple questions to the residents. The queries dealt with Maoist-related incidents," said Abhishek Pallava, Dantewada SP.

Maoists were found to be active in 75 villages in the district. Forty-two of those villages fell in the yellow zone (sensitive) and 33 in the red zone (hypersensitive).

No Muharram procession due to Covid

For the second year in a row, the Shahi Pehli ka Juloos—a procession that marks the onset of Muharram, could not be held due to Covid restrictions. Even the Shahi Mome (wax) ki Zarih and the Abrak Zarih, the two 'zarihs' (replica of Imam Husain's mausoleum), were not taken to the Bada Imambara in a royal procession. The two 'zarihs' were placed at Bada and Chhota Imambaras without any procession. They were transported in parts and a majlis with 15 people was held at Bada Imambara, Chhota Imambara and Shahnajaf.

LUCKNOW DIARY

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12-yr-old tabla prodigy with autism mesmerises crowd

A wonder was witnessed at Lucknow's UP Sangeet Natak Akademi recently when 12-year-old Krishna, a child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), mesmerised many with a flawless tabla recital. He went on the stage as a non-participating child and ended up winning the third prize in the child category, said his teacher Arunesh Pandey of the Ajrara Gharana (one of the six main traditional schools in tabla founded by Kallu Khan and Meeru Khan). The therapeutic properties of music are recognized and Krishna is an example of how music can help children like him, said Arunesh. Krishna, the elder child of Dr Arun Srivastava, a neurosurgeon at SGPGIMS and Dr Parul who works with state home guards headquarters.

Covid curbs affect Sawan Jhula fest in Ayodhya

The Ayodhya administration has evacuated devotees thronging Ayodhya for 'Sawan Jhula Mela' (monsoon festival) to enforce pandemic protocols amidst fear of a probable third wave of the coronavirus. The district administration has sealed district borders, ordered the closure of temples and barred bathing at Saryu ghats. Celebrations at Maniparvat temple, which takes the centre stage during 'sawan mela' have been pared down with the district administration banning processions, ceremonies or gatherings of devotees for performing puja. On Wednesday, idols were placed on a swing to mark 'Sawan Jhula' festival, which continues till 'Raksha Bandhan'

Exhibition to mark Independence Day

Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (UPMRC) has organised an exhibition of great personalities, who contributed to India's freedom movement, to mark the 75th anniversary of Independence. The exhibition is organised on a special train 'Freedom Metro' at Munshipulia Metro station. On the 'Freedom Metro', photographs of freedom fighters are on display. On Sunday, the Metro Rail will be closed to the public, but on the next day, August 16, the exhibition will be held between 6 am and 10 pm. Several other events, including a music band by Lucknow Adarsh Karagaar on August 16 at Hazratganj Metro Station and a 'selfie with Freedom Metro' at Munshipulia Metro Station, will also be organised

97,000
Covid deaths and over 4.38 million infections have been recorded in Iran so far

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	21	TDS	Los Angeles	26	22	TDS
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	18	10	SNY
Dhaka	32	27	TDS	Moscow	26	16	LC
Dubai	42	33	SNY	New York	30	21	LC
Houston	34	25	TDS	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	29	21	SNY	Toronto	23	18	SNY
London	24	14	LC	Washington	28	22	LC

Weapon seizures 'massive boon' for Taliban as cities fall

Taliban's social media is awash with videos of militants seizing weapons caches laid down by Afghan forces | These weapons will strengthen insurgents' authority

Afghanistan is spinning out of control: UN chief

UN: Voicing concern that Afghanistan is 'spinning out of control', UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on the Taliban to immediately halt the offensive. He asserted that seizing power through military force is a "losing proposition" and can only lead to prolonged civil war and the complete isolation of the war-torn nation.

Chaman-Spin Boldak border reopened

Karachi: Pakistan on Saturday reopened the Chaman-Spin Boldak border crossing with Afghanistan, after two rounds of successful negotiations with the Taliban on repatriating stranded individuals, amidst rapid territorial gains by the militant group in the war-ravaged neighbouring country. In a blitz assault on Thursday and Friday, the Taliban gained control.

KABUL

The United States spent billions supplying the Afghan military with the tools to defeat the Taliban, but the rapid capitulation of the armed forces means that weaponry is now fuelling the insurgents' astonishing battlefield successes.

"We provided our Afghan partners with all the tools — let me emphasise: all the tools," US President Joe Biden said when defending his decision to withdraw American forces and leave the fight to the locals.

But Afghan defence forces have shown little appetite for that fight and, in their tens of thousands, have been laying down their arms — only for the Taliban to immediately pick them up.

The Taliban's social media is awash with videos of Taliban fighters seizing weapons caches -- the majority supplied by Western powers.

Taliban fighters roam the streets of Herat, west of Kabul, on Saturday | AP

Footage of Afghan soldiers surrendering in the northern city of Kunduz shows army vehicles loaded with heavy weapons and mounted with artillery guns safely in the hands of the insurgent rank and file.

In the western city of Farah, fighters patrolled in a car marked with an eagle swooping on a snake — the official insignia of the country's intelligence service.

While US forces took the "sophisticated" equipment with them when they withdrew, the Taliban blitz has handed the group "vehicles, humvees, small arms and light weapons, as well as ammunition", said Justine Fleischner of weapons-tracking group Conflict Armament Research.

Experts say such hauls -- on top of unacknowledged support from regional allies such as Pakistan -- has given the Taliban a massive boost. *AFP*

US marine in Kabul to oversee evacuations

WASHINGTON

THE first forces of a marine battalion arrived in Kabul at week's end to stand guard as the US speeds up evacuation flights for some American diplomats and thousands of Afghans, spurred by a lightning Taliban offensive that increasingly is isolating Afghanistan's capital.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said 'elements' of a battalion were now in Kabul, the vanguard of three marine and army battalions that the US was sending to the city by the end of the weekend to help more Americans and their Afghan colleagues get out quickly.

The Taliban, emboldened by the imminent end of the US combat mission in the country, intensified their multi-pronged attack, heightening fears they would move soon on the capital. *AP*

Passengers walk to the departure terminal of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul on Saturday | AP

An aerial photo shows overturned cars among destruction in a mud-covered street in Bozkurt town of Kastamonu province in Turkey on Saturday | AP

Turkey flood deaths rise to 55 as rescuers push on

ISTANBUL

THE death toll from severe floods and mudslides along Turkey's Black Sea coast has climbed to at least 55, the country's emergency and disaster agency said on Saturday, as authorities disputed reports that hundreds of people were missing.

Torrential rains that pounded the Black Sea provinces of Bartin, Kastamonu and Sinop on Wednesday caused flooding that demolished homes, severed at least five bridges, swept away cars and rendered numerous roads unpassable. Turkish disaster agency AFAD said 46 people were killed in Kastamonu, eight in Sinop and one in Bartin.

Nine people remained hospitalised, according to the agency.

Some residents in Kastamonu said on social media that there are hundreds more missing, a statement also made by an opposition lawmaker. But the provincial governor's office said that reports about 250 unidentified bodies were untrue. It did not specifically address how many people could be missing in the flooding.

In Sinop, floodwaters almost completely wiped out the village of Babacay, leaving toppled homes, damaged bridges and rubble in their wake. A five-story apartment building constructed on a riverbed was destroyed.

Rescue teams and sniffer dogs kept up the painstaking task of trying to locate the missing. AFAD said 5,820 personnel, 20 rescue dogs, 20 helicopters and two search planes were at the disaster spots.

About 2,250 people were evacuated across the region amid the floods, scores of them lifted from rooftops by helicopters. Many are being temporarily housed in student dormitories.

Climate scientists unequivocally say that climate change is leading to more extreme weather events as the world warms because of the burning of coal, oil and natural gas. *AP*

Rain sparks landslides, floods in western Japan

1.3 mn
esidents have been asked to leave their homes immediately

TOKYO

NEARLY two million people were urged to seek shelter as torrential rain triggered floods and landslides in western Japan on Saturday, leaving at least one dead and three missing.

Authorities in seven regions, mainly in the northern part of Kyushu island, issued their highest evacuation alert as the weather agency reported unprecedented levels of rain in the area. Under the non-compulsory alert, more than 1.8 million residents have been asked to leave their homes immediately, according to public broadcaster NHK.

TV footage showed rescuers towing residents through submerged streets on a lifeboat in the town of Kurume in Fukuoka, while a man who was rescued in neighbouring Saga prefecture said he had never seen rain like it. "This situation is different," he told NHK. "I've had a similar experience before, but (this time) I was scared."

The government said 14 rivers had burst their banks and 14 landslides had occurred, mainly in western Japan. A 59-year-old woman died and two of her family members were missing in heavy lanslide. *AFP*

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Powerful Haiti quake kills 29, triggers tsunami warning

PORT-AU-PRINCE

A POWERFUL 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti early on Saturday, killing at least 29 people and toppling buildings in the disaster-plagued Caribbean nation still recovering from a devastating 2010 quake.

The epicentre of the shaking, which rattled homes and sent terrified locals scrambling for safety, was about 160km by road west of the centre of the densely populated capital Port-au-Prince.

"Lots of homes are destroyed, people are dead and some are at the hospital," said 21-year-old Christella Saint Hilaire, who lives near the epicentre. "Everyone is in the street now and the shocks keep coming."

The long, initial quake was felt in much of the Caribbean. It damaged schools as well as homes on Haiti's southwestern peninsula, according to images posted by witnesses.

Jerry Chandler, who heads the country's civil protection agency, told reporters that 29 deaths had been reported, and that search efforts were ongoing.

Haiti has declared a state of emergency in response to the disaster, and a White House official said US President Joe Biden has approved "immediate" aid efforts to begin.

Residents shared images on social media of frantic efforts to pull people from the ruins of caved-in buildings, while screaming bystanders sought safety in the streets outside their homes. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

8 die in water-bomber plane crash in Turkey

Moscow: Russia on Saturday said all eight people onboard a Russian water-dropping plane died when it crashed in Turkey during a firefighting mission. Moscow's defence ministry said five Russian servicemen and three Turkish nationals were killed in the crash, news agencies reported. The plane crashed near the southern Turkish city of Adana,

At least 22 killed in central Nigeria attack

Abuja: A suspected Christian militia attacked a convoy of 90 Muslims on Saturday in Nigeria's central Plateau state, leaving at least 22 people dead, police said. Northwest and central Nigeria have for years struggled with violence between mainly Muslim nomadic herders and Christian farmers over control of resources, water and land. A local official said the toll was higher.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **Mr. A.P. Moosa,** has lost the original sale deed registered as document No. 1662/90-91 dated 21-6-1990 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk in respect of property bearing House List Khata No. 2121 situated at Kadugonahalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West-Southern side 54 feet, Northern side 47 feet, and North to South 62 feet, and bounded on the : **East by:** Site No.7 belongs to M. Adbul Rasheed, **West by :** Western portion of same property bearing HL Khata No. 2122/1606/1, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Private Property.

If anybody finds the original document you may please contact the undersigned.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

WHEREAS our clients have entered into Agreements to purchase the immovable property bearing **Municipal Khata No.7, Earlier bearing No.5, then bearing No.5/7, 9th Cross, 4th main, Ramachandra Agrahara, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru – 560 018**, measuring East to West:- 40 feet, and North to South:- 60 feet, totally measuring 2,400 square feet, consisting of a residential house, morefully described in the SCHEDULE PROPERTY herein, from **Sri Ramesh N.,** resident of Bangalore. Whereas it is represented to our clients by the said owner that he is the sole and absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property, having a clear marketable title and that there are no encumbrances on the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claims in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner, shall lodge their objections and / or claims, in writing to the undersigned ***within FIFTEEN days*** from the date of this publication with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof. After the said period of FIFTEEN days, our clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and any objections or claims received thereafter will not be valid and will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable **property bearing Municipal Khata No.7, Earlier bearing No.5, then bearing No.5/7, 9th Cross, 4th main, Ramachandra Agrahara, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru – 560 018, measuring East to West:- 40 feet, and North to South:- 60 feet, totally measuring 2,400 square feet,** and bounded as follows:

On the East by: Private property;
On the West by: Private Property;
On the North by: Road;
On the South by: Private Property.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank, SASTRA, Bengaluru – West, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 12.04.2021 calling upon the borrower M/s Coffee Day Hotels And Resorts Private Limited. (Borrower/ Mortgagor) & Mrs. Malavika Hegde (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 7,02,06,812.76/- (Rupees Seven Crore Two Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and Paisa Seventy Six Only) as on 31.03.2021 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower's/mortgagor's having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this date of 11th August, 2021.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of the section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower/s in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank, for an amount of Rs.7,02,06,812.76/- (Rupees Seven Crore Two Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred twelve and Paisa Seventy Six Only) and further interest and other expenses thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Converted land commonly known as "The Serai" situated at Shirgunda Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chickmagalur Taluk and District having following survey number and extents.

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3	197	01-28	11	193	00.30
4	199	01-03	12	194	00.36
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6	187	02.00	14	169	01.00
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Date : 11.8.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- (Uma Shankar K R)
Chief Manager / Authorised Officer
For Punjab National Bank

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
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B-291: The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** form eligible contractors for Building work as detailed in the table below:

1.	Nature of Work	:	Building Work
2.	No of Work	:	1 No
3.	Tender Cost	:	Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4.	Class of Contractor	:	A Class and Special Class
5.	Available of Bid document in the Website	:	From Dt. 16.08.2021 10.00 AM to Dt. 31.08.2021 05.00 PM
6.	Date of opening of Bid	:	Dt. 01.09.2021 at 11.30 AM

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Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha
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IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-2/KW-4/2021-22/2530 Dated : 13-08-2021

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development, Division, Kalaburagi

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAVI KUMAR**, Resident of Villa No. 628, Adarsh Plam Retreat, Devarabisenahalli, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560103 have changed my Name to **RAVI KUMAR VEERAPPA** vide Affidavit dated 11.08.2021, sworn to before Notary B.S. Padma Prasad, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I **Mr. MAHESH KUMAR KRISHNAMURTHY,** aged about 48 years, S/o Late Krishnamurthy Madappa, R/at. Flat No. 104, Sree Sai Residency, Rajeevgandhi Layout, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru-560092, have changed my name to **"MAHESH RADHA KRISHNAMURTHY"** vide affidavit dated 13.08.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **K.V. Nanjaiah,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
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UP attracts huge investments amid pandemic

96 investment intents worth Rs 66,000 crore received during pandemic-hit year

- **Improved law & order, industry-friendly policies and assured government support for industries**
- **More than 1,000 UPSIDA plots acquired for setting up factories**
- **Centre approves setting up Integrated Manufacturing Clusters in Prayagraj and Agra under AKIC programme**

Uttar Pradesh has undergone tremendous transformation in the past four years and a half. This is the period during which Yogi Adityanath has been at the helm of affair as the Chief Minister. His unmatched vision, commitment and hard work have carved it out into a premium investment destination, something most unseemly till it actually happened. Achievements of the state may be seen in the fact that during the Covid-19 hit period, since April 2020, UP has received 96 investment intents worth Rs. 66,000 crore from domestic and foreign entities. This includes foreign investment proposals worth over Rs 17,000 crore. Foreign investors coming to UP include some big-ticket projects from countries like the US, the UK, South Korea, Japan, France and Germany. It could be possible due to improved law and order, power supply, attractive industry-friendly policies and assured government support.

The success of the state in attracting big investors in various sectors has a lot to do with the introduction of investor-friendly and industry-friendly policies. Led by clear intents of the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the state government took every possible step to alter the business environment as per requirements of the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) norms. These changes were brought in so honestly that the state raced up to second spot from 14th in national EoDB rankings for states.

Regarding foreign investments, UP's Industrial and Infrastructure Development Commissioner, Sanjiv Kumar Mittal, says, "Overall, we have got foreign investment intent worth Rs 17,231 crore that we are pursuing." He said, 24 foreign units have shown interest in establishing business in the state. Of these, 22 units are valued at more than 100 crore and the investment intent they have shown is Rs 16,653 Cr.

3,500 industrialists acquire UPSIDA plots

UP's achievements and its rise to 2nd spot in the EoDB rankings has an important role of its infrastructural development agencies including the UP State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA). The UPSIDA has 154 industrial areas spread across UP. The agency has developed and organized these areas to supplement pro-investor policies introduced by the Chief Minister. During the last four years, more than 3,500 big industrial investors have acquired land plots in UPSIDA industrial areas spread over 51 districts. Factories being set up on these entail an estimated cost of Rs 11,500 crore. Most importantly, more than a thousand industrialists have acquired plots during the ongoing pandemic period since last one year. These firms are investing approximately Rs 5,100 crore.

Very recently, the state government's proposal to develop two Integrated Manufacturing Clusters (IMCs) in the state along the alignment of the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor got approved by the National Industrial Corridors Development Trust, a designated body of the central government. These IMC will be developed at a Brownfield site in Prayagraj and a Greenfield site near Agra. These two clusters are likely to attract investments to the tune of Rs 15,000 crore with potential of generating employment opportunities for more than one lakh persons.

Currently, the UPSIDA is working on a number of projects to attract more investment to the state. These projects include a Mega Leather Park in Unnao, a Perfume Park and Perfume Museum in Kannauj and a Mega Food Park in Bareilly.

PIOs commit investments worth Rs 1,045 crore

This is also worth-mention that 32 foreign investors of Indian-origin have made investment proposals worth Rs. 1,045 crore during the pandemic-hit period. These proposals relate to agriculture, defence, information and technology among others.

It may be recalled that the state government has set up a project monitoring unit to solicit investments from investors among foreign Persons of Indian Origin (PIO). The unit is making efforts to identify more investors of Indian origin settled abroad to seek their help in industrial development of the state.

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UP plans largest Medical Device Park in Greater NOIDA

Acting on the appeal of the PM, the Yogi Adityanath government of UP has started developing the state's largest medical device park and Pharma Park in 350 acres area in Greater NOIDA. The PM Narendra Modi had recently given a call to the states to develop Medical Device Parks and Pharma Parks in view the Corona pandemic. The chosen location is in the Sector 28 of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).

The Prime Minister's appeal for such development came in the wake of the country's under-preparedness in facing challenges like the prevailing Corona pandemic.

The plan for the largest medical device park and pharma park will be having industrial plots of 1000 sq meters to 4000 sq. meters area. In case of a firm needing a larger plot for a larger project, YEIDA will ensure availability of the required land.

The plan targets to set up these parks by 2023. This medical device park will be developed in two phases. In the first phase, this medical device park and pharma farm will be developed in 125 acres. In the second phase, the work on Medical Device Park will be carried out on 225 acres of land.

About Rs 18000 crore will be invested in the proposed Medical Device Park and Pharma Park and will provide employment to more than 35 thousand youth.

Emphasis will be laid on manufacturing units producing equipment like oxygen cylinders, PPE kits and oxygen concentrators that were needed the most in this corona pandemic.

Special Concessions

The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced that the state government will be giving special concessions to the entrepreneur setting up their units in the Medical Device Park and Pharma Park. Huge discounts will be given in everything from loan interest rate to GST. Not only this, if an entrepreneur wants to do research or develop his business further, then he will be provided with concession in many areas with more facilities.

Cheaper Water and Power

Besides financial concessions and rebates, the government will provide electricity and water to the entrepreneurs at cheap prices. The government has already taken care of better connectivity for businesses there. Apart from connectivity to Jewar Airport, special care has been taken for metro connectivity.

Construction of Jewar airport to begin soon, PM to lay foundation stone

Adding a bright feather to the story of rapid infrastructural development in Uttar Pradesh, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi will soon lay the foundation stone of the "Noida International Airport, Jewar". Closing last formalities before the construction, Licence Memorandum between the state government's joint venture company Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL) and the SPV of the developer Zurich Airport International AG, Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd was signed last week.

All this could be possible due to CM Yogi Adityanath attaching high importance to the project. It may be recalled that the proposed Jewar airport kept hanging fire during earlier regimes, but the present state government interacted and coordinated with the farmers of villages under the project area and acquired the 1336 hectares of land earmarked for the first phase of the project without any dispute.

It may be mentioned that the Jewar airport would be connected with high speed rail while the Indira Gandhi Airport would be connected to it by road and metro rail. Necessary site clearances from the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation, approval for immigration services from the Ministry of Home Affairs and NOC from the Ministry of Environment have already been taken.

Industrial parks to be developed on PPP model

Thousands of acres of land identified near expressways to build industrial parks

Lucknow: With a view to promote economic activities in the alignment of expressways and other places in the state, the Yogi Adityanath government has planned to invite industrial houses and investors to set up private industrial parks. These parks are to be developed on PPP (public private partnership) model and expected to boost exports from the state.

Districts where private industrial parks are intended to be developed include Lucknow, Unnao, Amethi, Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Auraiya, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Noida, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Azamgarh, Ambedkar Nagar, Gorakhpur and Prayagraj.

There are plans to set up such a park on the 97 acres of land of Auto Tractor Limited in Pratapgarh district. Auto Tractor Limited is closed for decades. However, the first such park is coming up in Unnao near Agra-Lucknow Expressway. Land has been identified to build this private industrial park in Barauli Kalan village of the district. Industries manufacturing textile and ready-made garments, food processing, perfumes, brass products, toys and electronic equipment can be set up in these private industrial parks.

It is worth mentioning that the concessions offered to the entrepreneurs setting up such parks include permissions for significantly smaller land area. Entrepreneurs will be allowed to set up parks on a minimum of 20 acres of land in Bundelkhand and Purvanchal regions whereas 30 acres or more in Pashchimanchal and Madhyaanchal.

MSMEs thrive with loans and widened scope of the sector

The MSME sector that holds the core of Uttar Pradesh economy is going to get an impetus with the Union government's recent decision to expand its scope by including the retail and wholesale trade under the purview of the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Hailing the development, the UP Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath tweeted that the inclusion of retail and wholesale business in MSME will strengthen the economy further. Lakhs of Traders will get huge benefit from this.

While announcing it, the Union Minister for MSME, Nitin Gadkari, cited the impact of second wave of Covid-19 as one of the chief reasons to include traders in the category. This move is likely to have long-lasting impact on availability of priority sector financial assistance to such traders.

Loans disbursed

It is pertinent to mention that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had recently disbursed loans totalling Rs. 2,505.58 crore to more than 31,542 MSMEs. The loan disbursement was done in an online Swarozgar Sangam aimed at rebuilding the MSME sector to counter the devastation wreaked by the Covid pandemic on the sector. The state government also aimed to create employment opportunities by increasing the pace of industrial development.

Before this, the government had in the last financial year (2020-21) extended loans worth Rs. 42,700 crore to more than 13 lakh MSME units in the state. This huge volume of loans for the sector was released for the first time in the history of the state.

Lakhs of jobs created

According to official sources, this support to the sector generated 65 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities in and through these units.

Further efforts to strengthen this sector are continuing. The additional chief secretary, MSME, Navneet Sahgal recently instructed the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) for early disposal of pending applications for loans under various government schemes including the PMEGP and ODOP.

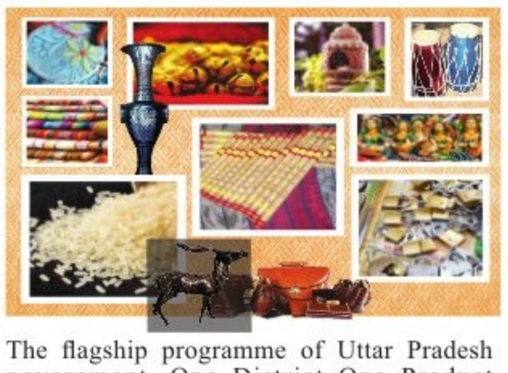
UP Expressways to ensure sustainable development

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision of constructing expressways as the most important infrastructure to ensure sustainable development of the state was clear to everyone when he laid stress on construction of expressways and industrial corridors in the state. The first expressway he mooted was the Purvanchal Expressway connecting eastern UP districts with the state capital, Lucknow, so that eastern-most points in the state got high speed connectivity with the western parts of the state and New Delhi through the Lucknow-Agra expressway and Yamuna expressway. Immediately after that, he planned the Bundelkhand expressway to connect Bundelkhand with Lucknow-Agra expressway giving access to different parts of the state.

The vision and pace with which the Yogi government has worked on developing network of expressways is unprecedented. Moving further, the Chief Minister went for Ganga Expressway connecting Meerut in the northwest of the state and Prayagraj in the southeast.

The expressways under construction in the state are going to change the economic scenario of the state as development of industrial corridors and parks has been envisaged along these expressways. This is in addition to thrust on development and resurrection of developing industrial areas across the state. These industrial areas and parks are bound to attract new investments for big industries as well as MSMEs that have been core strength of the state economy.

ODOP scheme empowering rural economy



The flagship programme of Uttar Pradesh government, One District One Product (ODOP), has proven to be highly successful in empowering the rural economy. The programme initiated with the aim to promote traditional industries of different districts of the state has helped various indigenous products hit international markets with a huge success. The scheme has by now been adopted by a number of other states and Union Territories after the central government decided to moot it at all-India level.

As of now, over 20,000 ODOP products are available on various e-commerce platforms and the cumulative revenue from the sale of these products in last three years has been around INR 24.5 crore. The business volume is poised to grow significantly as the modern tools and marketing assistance provided by the MSME department have made their reach limitless.

It may be recalled that in order to make the programme successful, the MSME department has arranged training of entrepreneurs and artisans. It also undertook research of possibilities regarding production, development, marketing of products and many other essential business aspects. The department has also arranged for advertising, publicity and marketing opportunities at district, state, national and international levels.

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Proactive UP leads the fight against COVID-19 waves

Highlights

- 5.50 crore+ inoculations
- With 6.81 crore Covid tests, UP stands ahead of other states
- Genome sequencing of Covid samples to trace Delta variant
- 3,620 medical specialists appointed

Having successfully contained the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic with its unique 3T formula, Uttar Pradesh has under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath adopted a pro-active stance against the anticipated third wave of the pandemic and emerging threats posed by the 'Delta Plus' mutant of the virus. In order to minimize possibilities of spread of this new mutant in the state, the Chief Minister has directed the health department for Genome Sequencing of as many samples as possible. This advanced research process is being done in BHU-Varanasi, KGMU, CDRI- Lucknow and IGIB-New Delhi to find out possible measures and means to check spread of the new mutations.

While allowing the cautious return to normalcy in socio-economic life, the Chief Minister has repeatedly called upon the people to stay vigilant and adhere to the COVID-19 protocol. "Everyone must take all the necessary precautions and ensure 100 percent usage of double masks, sanitizers, and social distancing," he has been pleading.

Leader in Covid vaccination, tests

It is pertinent to mention that with more than five crore inoculations done, Uttar Pradesh is the leader in vaccinations drive against Covid-19 in India. The State is also far ahead of other states in conducting Covid-19 tests. Thus far the state has conducted more than 6.65 crore tests that is almost one-thirds of the eligible population of the state.

- Easy vaccination at separate booths for different categories
- Contact tracing done on one third of state's population
- Special vaccination campaigns to run every week
- Priority to vaccination in villages with no Covid case
- PHCs, CHCs being properly equipped
- PICU, NICU wards prepared in hospitals

Real-time data proves that Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the leader in the COVID-19 vaccination drive. On July 23, UP had created a record by administering over 10 lakh doses in a single day only to be bettered by administering more than 22 lakh doses on August 3. On July 18, UP had become the first state to cross the landmark of 4 crore doses while it crossed 5 crore mark on August 3, that means inoculating more than one crore people in just 14 days.

It may be recalled that Uttar Pradesh has been carrying out the Covid-19 vaccination drive extensively throughout the State with an aim to inoculate maximum people. The State has implemented the cluster model of vaccination in all the 75 districts. More than 6,000 centers have been set up for vaccinating the age group of 18 to 44 years in Uttar Pradesh. To inoculate people above 45, over 3,000 centers are operating in the State. Around 200 booths have been set up for parents of children below 12 years of age. Pink booths were set up in each district to vaccinate women. Vaccination facilities have also been provided in district hospitals for those going abroad for studies, jobs and participating in sports competitions.

Over 6,572 PICU Beds In Medical Colleges

Being alive to the threat of a possible third wave of COVID-19 targeting the children, instructions have been given to the health department to adopt a proactive and multifaceted approach and formulate a stringent action plan in all the districts to tackle the 'Delta Plus' variant that could lead to a possible third Covid-19 wave.

As experts opine that the third wave or a new variant may affect the children, the Chief Minister has been regularly monitoring the process of establishing PICU/NICU in every district. As of now, over 6,572 PICU beds have been set up in medical colleges across the state. The government has also ensured that all necessary equipment including BiPAP machine, Pediatric ICU, mobile X-ray machines remain available at these advanced units.

11 new RT PCR labs to boost testing capacity

Further ramping up the testing capacity in the state, the Yogi government has established new Covid Testing laboratories in small districts as well. The Chief Minister recently inaugurated these BSL-2 labs in 11 new districts including Auraiya, Mahoba, Bulandshahr, Amethi, Siddharthnagar, Deoria, Bijnor, Kasganj, Mau, Kushinagar and Sonbhadra.

With these new RTPCR laboratories, testing facilities have improved in more than 45 districts of the state. Work is underway to set up such laboratories in other 30 districts of the state within three to four months. It is pertinent to note that nearly 400 government and private laboratories are currently functional in the state.

Fresh Cases below 30

Uttar Pradesh recorded merely 25 fresh Covid-19 cases on August 03 at a positivity rate of just 0.01 per cent, the lowest this year so far while the Recovery Rate has jumped to a splendid 98.8 percent. The state had just 545 active cases out while the percentage of active cases as against the total confirmed cases is less than 0.01 per cent.

Door-To-Door Distribution of Medical Kits

Also, The door-to-door distribution of special medicine kits with syrups and chewable tablets for children under the 'Corona Ki Jang Mein Har Jeevan Anmol' campaign has been started. The kits include syrups and chewable tablets of lesser dosage than adults. There are four kinds of kits — for children between 0-1 years, between 1-5 years, between 5-12-year-olds, and those aged between 12 and 18 years which are being provided even in the remote regions of the state.

Over 4 lakh members of more than 60,569 surveillance committees in the rural areas are working to provide these kits to every child showing influenza-like symptoms.

UP ensures 'Food For All' with 100 lakh MT of free grains distribution

Approx 97 per cent of beneficiaries receive food grains

Transparent distribution through e-Pos machines

Mitigating miseries of the economically marginalized citizens amid Covid-19 pandemic, the Uttar Pradesh government has so far distributed approximately 100 Lakh MT of free food grains in the State since April 2020, the onset of first wave of Covid-19 pandemic. As per the instructions of the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the distribution was carried out entirely through PoS devices with biometric Aadhaar and dealer authentication ensuring utmost transparency.

The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has distributed around 76,39,378.955 MT of free food grains under PMGKAY while 23,60,402.64 MT of free ration was separately distributed by the government, which is 'over and above' the PMGKAY scheme.

The government is providing free 5 kg food grains to over 15 crore beneficiaries of the state including the migrants, poor and under-privileged sections of the society to help them tide over the hardships caused by the prevalence of corona pandemic. Under the scheme, each beneficiary receives 3 kg wheat and 2 kg rice.

Distribution data reveals that the state succeeded in distribution of almost 97% of the total allocation of 58,02,845.950 MT foodgrains under PMGKAY-2020 (April-November 2020). Approximately 56,21,377.178 MT foodgrains (i.e. around 96.87 %) were distributed during the period. In 2021 (PMGKAY III) so far, out of a total allocation of around 22,07,789.280 MT foodgrains (May -July 2021) approx 20,18,001.777 MT (i.e. around 91.40 %) of foodgrains has been distributed by the Uttar Pradesh Government.

The distribution of foodgrains has been a strong indicator of the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's firm commitment to provide relief to the weaker section amid the pandemic. Along with PMGKAY, the state government is distributing free ration on its own, giving double relief to the people. The distribution by the state continued from April to June in 2020, while in 2021, the Yogi government announced the distribution to be carried out for the month of June, July and August.

According to Additional Food Commissioner, UP, Anil Kumar Dubey, "On occasion of the 'Anna Mahotsav' being held on August 5, the Prime Minister is scheduled to talk with the beneficiaries present at the selected fair price shops of Uttar Pradesh through video conferencing. The ration distri-bution for the month of August under PMGKAY will also commence on that day".

It may be noted that there are more than 1,30,07,969 units of beneficiaries under the Antyodaya Ann Yojna and over 13,41,77, 983 units under Priority Household card holders. Intra-district ration card portability is applicable in all urban and rural areas of the state. Also, state level portability facility is applicable from February 5 last year. Under the One Nation, One Ration Card scheme, the facility of national portability has been implemented in the state since June last year, under which 43,572 cardholders of the state have taken ration from other states and 6616 cardholders of other states have availed free ration in Uttar Pradesh.

More than 8137 helpless people get ration delivered at home

Five kg ration per unit has been given by the central and state government for 16 months, that is, 80 kg ration has been given to a person so far. Apart from this, more than 8137 helpless people of the state have received free ration by the Food and Logistics Department at their homes.

Agriculture sector energized with irrigation facilities

The Yogi Adityanath government of Uttar Pradesh has been able to energize the Agriculture sector in the state by constantly working in the favour of the farmers. During the regime of Yogi Adityanath, the state has scaled new heights in the production of food-grains, milk, mango, sugarcane and other crops. These magical achievements were brought with the help of timely financial assistance to the farmers, ensuring availability of fertilizers and high quality seeds with inculcation of scientific farming practices through Krishi Vigyan Kendras and bringing lakhs of hectares under irrigation facilities.

Though the government equally focussed over all these factors to revolutionize the agriculture sector, yet its focus over irrigation needs special mention as the government brought around 25 lakh hactares of land under irrigation in the last four and a half years. Projects pending for decades were completed and many more new peojects undertaken to ensure that the productivity went up with this essential resource. Recently it fixed target at completing e 15 prominent irrigation projects in the state by December this year.

According to information from the irrigation and water resource department these projects are lying in limbo for quite a long time. Once completed these projects would enhance the area under irrigation by 3.77 lakh hectares. During the current fiscal the irrigation department has completed 11 projects which were pending for the last four decades.

There are some projects which are lying incomplete because of paucity of funds or pending cases in the court over acquisition of land. Moves are afoot to sort them out. Pending projects include the Arjun sahayak scheme, Chillimal pump canal scheme, Badhai dam project and Kanhar scheme. The Arjuna Sahayak irrigation project, will bring positive changes in the lives of farmers of Hamirpur, Banda and Mahoba. It is scheduled for completion in next one or two month.

Mega projects to benefit 40 lakh farmers

Projects slated to be taken up in the next fiscal would bring further 16.49 lakh hectares of land under irrigation benefitting about 40.56 lakh farmers. It may be noted that the state has total agricultural area of 188 lakh hectares and irrigated area totals only to 120 lakh hectares now. The projects to be taken up will supply water to areas where very little agriculture takes place due to lack of water.

Yogi government showed women the path of self-reliance

Women's upliftment has been an important issue in Uttar Pradesh ever since Yogi Adityanath took charge of the state as its Chief Minister in March 2017. Chief Minister's commitment to ensure safety, health and education of the women and daughters of the state has brought about sea changes in their social status and now they are stronger force in the mainstream of self-reliant UP.

Last year, the government launched a six-month long massive campaign Mission Shakti to ensure security as well as empowerment and honor of the women. Highly positive results of the first two phases of this campaign have prompted the government to launch a new phase of the "Mission Shakti" soon.

Besides the campaign, the Yogi Adityanath government during last four years and a half launched a number of welfare schemes for the benefit of the women and girls. Measures were taken to ensure safety and security of the women and bringing the crime against women under control in rural and urban areas. These schemes and programmes have worked as a shield

for the women and daughters of the state.

Women-centric Schemes

Schemes like Women Self Help Group and Banking Correspondent Sakhi have shown the way of self-reliance to women while schemes like Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana, and Mukhyamantri mass marriage have given great support to the girl child and their parents. Though the corona pandemic partially impacted the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, other schemes like the Destitute Women Pension Scheme for widows, 181 Women Help Desk, One Stop Center for the women in distress, Mahila Shakti Kendra and Rani Lakshmi Bai Mahila Samman Kosh etc kept helping the women as those focus on their security, education, self-reliance, respect and health.

During the Corona period, 1.85 lakh new beneficiaries have been added under the 'Destitute Women Pension Scheme after the death of their husbands. As many as 27.95 lakh beneficiaries have been benefited under the Nirashrit Mahila Pension Yojana. Kanya Sumangala Yojana was implemented in the state from April 1, 2019. Since then till date 7.58 lakh beneficiaries have been benefitted under this scheme.

Widowed in Corona to get jobs

Apart from being sensitively pro-active for protection of people from the pandemic, the Chief Minister's empathy towards the sufferers resulted in announcement that his government would come out with a plan for welfare of the women losing their husbands to Covid-19. They would be given pension and camps will be organized soon to collect pension application forms from them. The government would also arrange jobs for them according to their competence. It may be recalled that the government has already made provisions for the children orphaned due to Covid-19.

₹4,335 cr ONGC posted its net profit in April-June, which was 772.2% higher than Q1FY21 as oil prices compensated for a fall in production

How alpha sellers have put Amazon, Flipkart in dock?

SC verdict for anti-trust probe by CCI gives offline retailers an edge

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THE battle between e-commerce platforms and offline retailers has now come out in the open with the latter registering a major victory recently as the Supreme Court gave a go-ahead to the anti-trust investigation against the e-tailers — Amazon and Flipkart.

At the root of this dispute is some of the alleged anti-competitive practices adopted by these e-commerce platforms, which according to offline retailers are killing their business.

"Lakhs of jobs have been displaced as the marketplaces indulge in anti-competitive practices including exclusive tie-ups with manufacturers/ brands, deep discounting, preferential treatment of sellers etc, says Arvinder Khurana, National President, All India Mobile Retailers Association, who had petitioned the Competition Commission of India last year to start a probe into the alleged anti-competitive practices of e-tailers like Amazon, Flikart.

Khurana said that he has presented documented evidence before CCI elaborating how manufacturers deny permission to retailers to sell specific models of phones or selling on their own websites since they are under agreements with the marketplaces.

The recent Supreme Court verdict in favour of the retailers which allows the CCI to probe into the business models offers some relief, however, the retailer associations and trader bodies are demanding a regulatory body to oversee the functioning of the e-commerce companies. "It is a common practice now — there has been no decline in the number of exclusive brand launches, sales events even if the scrutiny is increasing," he noted. Also under scrutiny are some of the top sellers on these platforms.

Curious case of alpha sellers

Ever since their inception in India, the e-commerce companies are often accused of promoting a section of sellers, prioritising them on search indices, charging less commissions, commonly called alpha sellers.

Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) General Secretary Praveen Khandelwal believes that these sellers are in fact subsidiaries of marketplaces and are bifurcated to evade the laws of the land. The internet commerce firms deny these allegations. But, a deeper look into the financials of some most popular seller firms reveals astonishing growth.

WS Retail, one of the top sellers of Flipkart, and Cloudtail and Appario on Amazon are long believed to be subsidiaries of these companies, driving more than 60% of the overall sales on the platforms.

Post the government scrutiny, WS Retail cut its ties with Flipkart a few years back. Its revenues dropped to ₹2.9 crore in 2019-20 from ₹13,500 crore in 2015-16.

Cloudtail, in which Amazon holds 24% stake along with Narayan Murthy's Catamaran Ventures (76%), saw its revenue increase from ₹1,140 crore in 2014-15 to ₹11,400 crore in 2019-20. Amazon India head Amit Agarwal is also a board member in Cloudtail. After the scrutiny from regulators and the government, Amazon and Catamaran Ventures recently announced that Cloudtail India will cease operations from May 2022.

Another Amazon seller at the heart of controversy is Appario Retail, which is a subsidiary of Frontzio, a JV of Amazon and Patni group. A former executive of Amazon — Amandeep Lohan — is the CEO of Appario Retail. The seller firm's revenues jumped to ₹9,929 cr in 2019-20 from ₹755 cr in 2017-18. Earnings before Income, Tax, Depreciation Amortization (EBIDTA) of top 3 sellers on Amazon, Flipkart have soared by 60-160% during FY20, as per the information sourced from data intelligence platform Tofler.

"Even after all the scrutiny, we fear that instead of 10 sellers, these big companies may rope in hundred odd retailers from smaller entities, which again hits the offline retail business," Khurana said.

A detailed questionnaire sent to Amazon and Flipkart did not elicit any response. However, both these firms have maintained that they are open to scrutiny and will cooperate with the investigations being undertaken by the CCI and ED.

Govt's tough talk

On the regulations end, the Indian government has woken up to the anti-trust cases like her counterparts in the United States, Europe, and opened investigations.

The Chief Justice of India recently commented that in fact big companies like Amazon and Flipkart should voluntarily submit to these investigations, if they feel they don't violate the laws of the land. Union commerce minister Piyush Goyal minced no words in criticising the big firms. His popular remark in 2020 was that Amazon is doing no favour to India by investing $1 billion when world's richest man Jeff Bezos announced growth plans for world's second largest internet market.

Recently, Goyal hit out at one of the largest business conglomerates of India, Tata Group, who as per sources, objected to the fresh amendments to the e-commerce rules, especially prohibiting the marketplace from selling goods of their related entities.

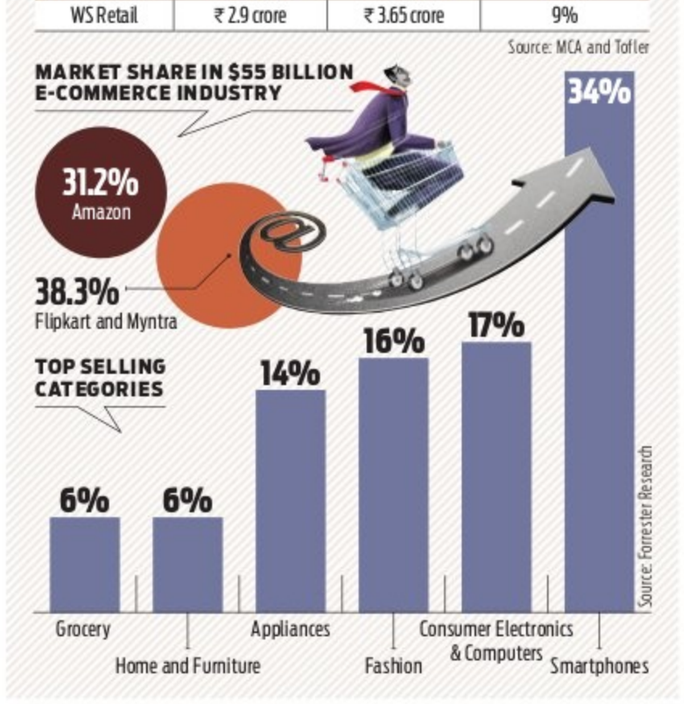
Sources in the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal trade told this publication that exercising over-control on the inventories, sales of goods is a point of contention, which is prohibited under the current laws. "Exhibiting certain amount of control on goods/ inventories on marketplace will expose the marketplace to several restrictions and in some cases where the control is overwhelming like many common board of directors or a major shareholding pattern, the company ceases to be a marketplace altogether and that is where the investigations come in," a top source which has tracked both Amazon and Flipkart said.

Both Amazon and Flipkart are being probed by the ED for the violation of the Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Exchange Management rules.

Rukshad Davar, Partner - Head M&A Practice, Majmudar & Partners, said that e-commerce entities have been scrutinised for innovative ownership structures and providing benefits to specific sellers. "The draft amendments to the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020 propose to regulate such practices. The extensive changes proposed will help in creating a level-playing field and curbing the circumventing practices adopted by e-commerce entities in India," Davar said.

Sailing in troubled water

SELLER NAME	REVENUE FY20	REVENUE FY19	EBITDA GROWTH
Cloudtail India	₹ 11,400 crore	₹ 8,940 crore	168.35%
Appario Retail	₹ 9,929 crore	₹ 6,049 croe	935.23%
WS Retail	₹ 2.9 crore	₹ 3.65 crore	9%



NEWSCOPE

THE WARNING IS OUT: WIND, WATER, OCEANS ARE SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL

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THERE'S something apocalyptic happening. After the flash floods in Germany that killed and displaced hundreds in July, and the heat wave in Canada that touched nearly 50° C, and took many lives, it is Greece now being consumed by wild fires. In India, cloud bursts over the Western Konkan coast in late July inundated dozens of towns like Chiplun leaving a trail of misery and death.

The Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a UN body that has just released its 6th report, has sent shockwaves on how close the world is to an irretrievable climate disaster. It has also predicted 12 coastal Indian cities may not survive till the end of this century.

Almost to prove the report's contents – worked on by 200 of the world's leading climate scientists – Greece in the first two weeks of August has been devastated by a series of fires that has burnt down 110,000 hectares (424 square miles) of woodlands and homes, an area little larger than Mumbai's municipal region.

Extreme weather conditions

In these times of extreme weather – of meltdowns and floods – the IPCC report has left a telling impact on all those who are listening. For the first time the UN body has stated unequivocally that it is the human race that is responsible for warming of the atmosphere, land and oceans. The report says that the earth's global surface has warmed 1.09°C between preindustrial times (1850-1900) and 2010; and it finds 1.07 °C of the warming – almost the entire phenomenon – is due to greenhouse gas emissions caused by human activity.

It all happened in the last few decades. Global surface temperature has warmed faster since 1970 than in any other 50-year period over the last 2,000 years. This is reflected in increased precipitation – more intense and wetter monsoon; triggered by a warmer atmosphere that is able to hold more moisture – estimated at 7% more for each additional degree of temperature.

The report confirms that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere – the main greenhouse gas – has increased 10 times faster since the industrial revolution of 1750 than any other period during the last 800,000 years; and 85% of carbon-dioxide emissions are from humans burning fossil fuels.

Simultaneously, we are seeing ice packs and glaciers receding in the Arctic zone and the mean sea level increase 6 inches (0.2 meters) between 1901 and 2018. As oceans rise and cyclonic gales increase, coastal communities find homes and lives increasingly at risk.

Besides carbon dioxide, the UN report has identified methane – an invisible and odorless gas – as having a far more insidious impact with an estimated 80 times more warming power in the near-term than carbon dioxide. Millions of tonnes of methane is leaking into the atmosphere from bovine livestock, and from natural gas and oil wells.

By the same measure, Charles Koven, one of the lead authors of the IPCC report, has identified controlling methane emissions as the immediate and more effective route to controlling global warming below a rise of 1.5°C.

What does it mean for India?

The IPCC report has warned that the longer and wetter monsoons, and the huge devastation by cyclones like the recent Cyclone Amphan are indicators of rising sea level that threaten to submerge 12 coastal cities, perhaps by the end of the century. These include Mumbai, Chennai, Kochi, and Bhavnagar. Another lead author of the IPCC report, Subimal Ghosh, predicts India will also see intense heat waves in regional pockets, though their exact location may be difficult to predict.

The Indian government has welcomed the IPCC report and many of its recommendations; but in the same breath has held the developed world for being responsible for the problem of global warming. What its saying is the oldest polluters – the developed world – will have to do more to stem the tide.

The push back is clear: while the developed world expects India to do the heavy lifting in reducing green house gas (GHG) emissions and reduce the carbon footprint to zero, India and China have other plans. They may make the right political noises, but then what happens to development? Coal emits carbon dioxide, but it also provides over 90% of India's and China's energy needs. To stop its mining overnight, without developing alternative energy sources, would be suicidal.

The fact is work on alternative sources of energy – solar, wind, water, stored electricity – has been tardy and without commitment. We seem to be determined to traverse the course the polluting, industrial nations took. There is a problem here. We have to put on the brakes, here and now.

For the first time in two decades people are realizing climate disaster is real. Three months on, Glasgow will see the next UN Climate Change Conference.

Hopefully, more concrete targets to save the planet will emerge.

EXPRESS READ

Petronet net rises 22% to ₹636 cr in Q1

New Delhi: Petronet LNG Ltd, India's biggest gas importer, on Saturday reported a 22% rise in its June quarter net profit as it handled more gas volumes compared to a year ago period when a nationwide lockdown had muted economic activity and shrunk fuel demand. Net profit in April-June came at ₹636 crore as compared to ₹520 crore earned a year back,

Minda Industries reports ₹25 cr profit

Mumbai: Uno Minda group's flagship Minda Industries on Saturday reported a consolidated profit after tax (PAT) of ₹25 crore in the April-June quarter of 2021 against a loss of ₹151 crore in the same quarter last year. Revenue from operations surged more than three-folds to ₹1,6013 crore during the quarter as compared to ₹468 crore in the June quarter of FY21,

Vi loss widens as revenue falls, finance costs go up

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CASH-STRAPPED telecom major Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) has recorded a larger consolidated net loss in the first quarter of this financial year than during the preceding quarter, primarily due to a decline in total revenue from operations and higher finance costs and network expenses. Filings with the stock exchanges also show that the company's total debt has widened and that its net worth has dipped into the negative zone.

In Q1FY22, VIL's consolidated net loss stood at ₹7,319.1 crore against ₹7,228.2 crore in Q4FY21. The company's net loss had stood at a massive ₹25,460 crore in the corresponding period of last year, however, due to large provisions made towards AGR liabilities.

The shrinking of revenues from the previous quarter is likely both due to the loss in the company's subscriber base over the period and the impact of the second wave. Exchange filings showed that revenue from operations during the quarter stood at ₹9,152.3 crore, compared to ₹9,647.8 crore in Q4FY21 and ₹10,659.3 crore in the corresponding period of last year.

VIL's expenses also grew quarter-on-quarter, rising from ₹15,715 crore in Q4FY21 to ₹16,683 crore; this rise was driven mainly by higher finance costs and network and outsourcing expenses.

The notes attached to the financial results say that the company's total debt stands at ₹1.91 lakh crore at the end of June 2021, higher than ₹1.8 lakh crore at the end of March 2021. It's net worth has also dipped further into the red at a negative ₹44,541 crore.

Unclaimed Amrapali flats maybe resold

THE Supreme Court has initiated the process to cancel the bookings of over 9,500 Amrapali project flats, which are unclaimed or booked in the name of fictitious persons or are benami property, to fund stalled projects.

The top court said that it will direct that a 15-day notice be issued to the 9,538 buyers to update their registration and make payments, failing which these units would be considered unsold and auctioned off.

A bench of Justices U U Lalit and Ajay Rastogi said it will pass an order on the issue after advocate ML Lahoty, appearing for home-buyers, said they have submitted a note earlier that the unsold inventory and flats booked on fictitious names, as identified in a forensic audit, need to be resold to generate funds for pending projects. The order is yet to be uploaded on the apex court website. *PTI*

Business & Beyond

Tribute to Covid warriors by Limca Book of Records

Commemorating its 50th year in India, Limca – The Coca-Cola Company's home-grown brand has launched a special edition of Limca Book of Records (LBR) that marks 30 years of the book. The edition honors and celebrates the undefeated spirit of Covid-19 frontline warriors who have courageously led the battle against the pandemic.

Repco Home Finance loan disbursement jumps 32% in Q1FY22

Repco Home Finance Limited financial has disbursed ₹239.7 cr loans during the April-June period of FY22, registering a growth of 32% compared to the same period a year ago. Total income stood at ₹322.4 cr. While net interest income stood at ₹144.8 cr and margins at 4.8%, net profits recorded at ₹32.1 cr, mainly due to higher provision of ₹78.3 cr during the quarter.

SER General Manager flags off 'Fit India Freedom Run'

Archana Joshi, General Manager, South Eastern Railway, flagged off "Fit India Freedom Run 2.0" at SE Railway headquarters, Garden Reach on Friday to commemorate 75 years of independence — Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. More than 70 participants took part in the run.

Vaani Kapoor becomes brand ambassador for Zeya By Kundan

ZEYA By Kundan officially announced Bollywood star Vaani Kapoor as their brand ambassador. The light-weight & budget-friendly gold jewellery in 22KT and 18KT is crafted with European cubic zirconia which gives you an every-day wear a new 'sparkle'. Zeya By Kundan is a sister concern of Kundan Refinery which is one of the India's largest gold refinery in private sector.

Foundation for UPNEDA energy-efficient building

Foundation stone of the country's first super energy efficient building was laid on Friday at UPNEDA Training, Research and Development Center, Lucknow by Alok Sinha, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Energy & Additional Sources of Energy, UP govt.

SAIL employees win highest number of PM's Shram Awards

31 employees of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have won the Prime Minister's Shram Awards for the performance year 2018 for their exemplary workmanship, innovativeness and dedication to the duty. Out of the total 69 awardees, 31 awardees are from SAIL. This is the highest number of PM's Shram awards won by the employees of any organization during the year.

PSA oxygen plant at Paradeep Covid Hospital inaugurated

Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha, inaugurated the first PSA oxygen plant which is installed at Paradeep Covid Hospital. It is now ready to use. This 100 LPM PSA plant worth ₹18 lakh is contributed by Paradeep Phosphates Limited and is manufactured & supplied by M/s Nitrogen Engineers, Mumbai who are pioneer in installing such PSA plants across India.

GRSE profit after tax at 5.9% in Q1FY22

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) has reported PAT margin at 5.9% during the first quarter of FY22. Revenue from operations stood at ₹304 crore against ₹110 crore of Q1 FY21, higher by 176%. Total income rose 115% to ₹344 crore as against ₹160 crore in Q1 FY 21. The company saw EBITDA margin increase to 10% as against 6% during the same quarter a year ago.

Fit-again Shreyas in Dubai, to train alone ahead of IPL

India's middle-order batsman Shreyas Iyer on Saturday reached Dubai to train and be ready for the upcoming phase two of the Indian Premier League, starting September 19. Iyer, who led the Delhi Capitals to the title clash in the 2020 season, is making a comeback after nearly five months of intense rehabilitation.

England captain Joe Root rejoices after crossing three-figure mark | AFP

ROOT CAUSE OF FIGHTBACK

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FOR a fleeting period, it seemed as though Joe Root was being left behind in the debate around the best Test batsman in modern-day cricket. His contemporaries in the 'Fab Four' — Steve Smith, Virat Kohli and Kane Williamson — seemed to be inching ahead and dominating the narrative. But Root has fought his way back into the mix in stunning fashion this year, reminding all and sundry that he deserves his place in the spotlight.

In 10 Tests this year, the England captain has racked up 1244 runs at an average of 69.11, studded with five centuries and one half-century. Two of those have been match-winning double centuries to boot.

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings: 364; **England 1st innings** (o/n 119/3): Root not out 180, Bairstow c Kohli b Siraj 57, Buttler b Ishant 23, Moeen c Kohli b Ishant 27, Curran c Rohit b Ishant 0, Robinson lbw Siraj 6, Wood run out 5, Anderson b Shami 0; **Extras** (b-5, lb-6, nb-17, w-5): **33; Total (all out in 128 ovs) 391; FoW:** 4-229, 5-283, 6-341, 7-341, 8-357, 9-371; **Bowling:** Ishant 24-4-69-3, Bumrah 26-6-79-0, Shami 26-3-95-2, Siraj 30-7-94-4, Jadeja 22-1-43-0.

At Lord's on Saturday, Root further stamped his dominance with a classy century to help England post a commendable riposte to India's first innings score of 364. At the end of Day 3, England were bowled out for 391 with Root remaining unbeaten on 180. It helped the hosts take a 27-run lead. Mohammed Siraj was the pick of the Indian bowlers with four wickets for 94 runs while Ishant Sharma claimed three scalps.

On a bright, sunny day in London, the conditions for batting couldn't have been more ideal. There was negligible movement for the bowlers to work with and the slow nature of the surface meant that even genuine edges weren't carrying to the men waiting behind. In such circumstances, Root was always going to accumulate runs and make the Indian bowlers toil for his wicket.

Given that there wasn't much help for the seamers, India may have liked to revisit their decision to play as many as four of them. An extra spinner, a world-class one in R Ashwin, would have provided the attack more variety and perhaps been able to prise out wickets even if the conditions weren't conducive. The 34-year-old off-spinner has been in the form of his life and shown over the last couple of years that he can take the surface out of the equation with his ability and nous.

All eyes on Anju ward Shaili at junior Worlds

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

THE World Athletics website leads with Neeraj Chopra's picture and story. The headline says: 'Chopra, from world U20 champion to Olympic gold'. Preview of the World Athletics U20 Championships in Nairobi and some other U20 stories follow. This is how the WA is promoting the Nairobi event. Chopra features right on top. From the junior gold five years ago to Olympic glory is the story WA wants more athletes to emulate next Olympic cycle.

As several of the country's finest young athletes board the flight late on Saturday, the excitement is palpable. There is expectation of good show on a stage that could propel them to stardom. Medals would be tough barring a couple of athletes. One among the 28-member India team is long-jumper Shaili Singh, 17, from Uttar Pradesh. Her personal and season's best of 6.48m (jr national record) is among the top five in the junior list. Among the provisional entries, 19-year-old Terry Ebosele of Spain has a personal and season's best of 6.63m, while Italy's Arianna Battistella has a best of 6.55m. There are a couple of others who have jumped 6.49m too.

India's only senior Worlds medallist, Anju Bobby George, felt Shaili is expected to do well. "She is in that 6.60m range," she told this daily. Shaili has been training at Anju Bobby George academy in Bengaluru since she was 14 years old. For some athletes, including Shaili, this is their first international meet. The stage could be intimidating, but Robert Bobby George, her coach, sounded optimistic. "Going by the entry list, she is quite confident of doing well," he said. "Our target is to go beyond the 6.50m mark. We have been training for this. It looks achievable."

"It is her first international meet and that too Worlds, but she is not worried much. All she cares is a medal. She has the ability to compete with senior athletes, like she had done during the inter-state senior nationals in Patiala. I don't think she will be over-awed. Also the entry list in long jump has given her more confidence." Shaili is not the only athlete who could win a medal. Javelin thrower Ajay Raj Singh Rana is another. Though his best is nowhere near Neeraj's junior world record of 86.48m, going by the entry list, his throw of 74.75m, achieved in August, is third on the list.

EXPRESS READ

Cadet archers dominate in Youth World C'ships

WROCLAW: Indian archers achieved their best ever show in the Youth World Championships by grabbing three gold, one silver and one bronze medal in the compound section here. In absence of Asian heavyweights Korea and China, the Indian archers ruled the roost in the U-18 (cadet) section.

Vishesh to lead Indian basketball team

BENGALURU: Vishesh Bhriguvanshi will led India in the FIBA Asia Cup 2021 qualifying tournament for third ranked team, scheduled from August 20 in Saudi Arabia. India are placed in Group H with Palestine and Saudi Arabia. Two teams from the group will make it to Asia Cup.

Bengaluru set for Eagles test

AGENCIES/ENS @Male

IT has been a long wait for Bengaluru FC players, who last played a competitive match in mid-April against Nepal's Tribhuvan Army FC. They were then scheduled to play Maldivian side Club Eagles in Maldives in May, but breach of COVID-19 protocols by Bengaluru squad members forced the game to be postponed, and the 2021 AFC Cup Playoff game is now set to take place at the National Stadium, Male in Maldives on Sunday.

In the last few months, they have made some important signings, including Alan Costa, Yrondu Musavu-King, Bidyashagar Singh among others. It will give these players an opportunity to prove their mettle under the watchful eyes of coach Marco Pezzaiuoli, who was appointed in February.

More importantly, in the lead up to the clash against Eagles, the entire squad were involved in a four-week training camp in Bellary in a bubble. "It's not an easy situation to play in. This is the second time we are preparing for this game. We had a good four-week preparation at the Inspire Institute of Sport in Bellary, where we stayed in a bubble," said Pezzaiouli in a press conference.

After the disappointment of last season in the ISL, where Bengaluru finished seventh in the standings, the players will be more than eager to deliver this season in all tournaments. First up, they will hope to beat Eagles and progress into Group D of the continental competition, which includes ATK Mohun Bagan, Bashundhara Kings and Maziya S&RC.

United, Liverpool win, Arsenal lose

AGENCIES @Manchester

BRUNO Fernandes scored a hat-trick as Manchester United thrashed Leeds 5-1 Saturday to make a statement about its Premier League title credentials. On a day when Jadon Sancho made his debut off the bench and Raphael Varane was presented as the club's second big signing, the Old Trafford crowd was treated to a dominant win as Paul Pogba also set up four goals.

In one of the other games, Liverpool also got off to a winning start as they beat Norwich City 3-0. Diogo Jota, Roberto Firmino and Mohamed Salah scored for the Reds.

Bees stun Arsenal

Brentford, nicknamed the Bees, made a blistering start to their first top-flight season for 74 years as goals from Sergi Canos and Christian Norgaard earned a 2-0 win over Arsenal in front of a first-ever full house at the Brentford Community Stadium on Friday. "What an atmosphere," said Brentford manager Thomas Frank.

Results: Saturday: Man United **5-1** Leeds; Burnley **1-2** Brighton; Chelsea **3-0** Crystal Palace; Everton **3-1** Southampton; Leicester **1-0** Wolves; Watford **3-2** Aston Villa. Norwich **0-3** Liverpool. **Friday:** Brentford **2-0** Arsenal.

'Bhaisahab' Jhajharia eyes hat-trick of gold

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

APTLY named 'Bhaisahab' (elder brother) by fellow para athletes, Devendra Jhajharia will aim for a unique record when he competes in the javelin throw (F46 category) event at the Tokyo Paralympics on August 30. With two Paralympic gold already in his kitty (2004 Athens and 2016 Rio), the 40-year-old from Churu, Rajasthan will look to complete a hat-trick and cement his status as the country's best Paralympic athlete ever. Only a few hockey players had won three gold medals in Olympics so far.

"This is the second generation of para athletes I am competing with. A few of them started addressing me as 'Bhaisahab' after I won a gold in the 2013 IPC World Championships. I was officially accorded the status of 'Bhaisahab' in 2016 during the Rio Paralympics," Jhajharia told this daily following his training session at SAI regional centre in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.

He hurled the spear to 65.71m during the trials held in June to pick the Indian squad for the Tokyo Paralympics. He bettered his own world record of 63.97m set in Rio. But it will remain just a distance and not part of the record books. Jhajharia, however, is aiming much beyond that. "My target is to throw between 67 to 69 metres in Tokyo. The competition will be tough as athletes from Sri Lanka, Japan, Cuba and Mexico are good but I don't take any pressure. I just try to do what I have been doing in training and give my best."

Neeraj Chopra's gold has made javelin throw a familiar sport in India and Jhajharia hopes it continues. "Neeraj's accomplishment has developed a culture for the sport in the country. It is possible that in days to come, you will see a child not wielding bat or ball but a javelin," opined Jhajharia. Already a veteran of the game, the event, however, will be different this time for Jhajharia as he will not be able to share his accomplishment with his father, who passed away last year. "He was there since the beginning. He was fighting cancer and I wanted to spend days with him but he asked me to focus on my preparations."

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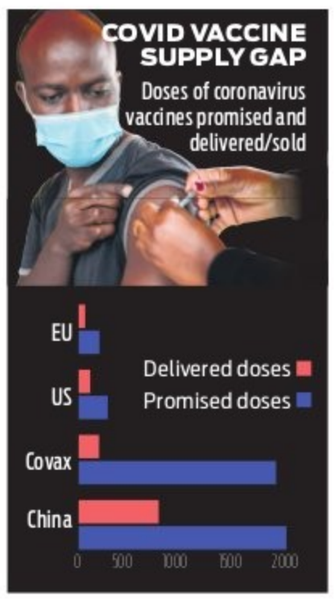
Gino Strada, an Italian surgeon who co-founded the humanitarian group Emergency to provide medical care for civilian victims of war and poverty, and a critic of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan, has died. He was 73.

Rich nations dip into Covax amid shortage

Vaccine access initiative for poor nations leaves intended recipients empty-handed while UK & Canada secure doses



MEDICINE

LONDON: Covax, an international system to share coronavirus vaccines, was supposed to guarantee that low and middle-income countries could get doses without being last in line and at the mercy of unreliable donations.

It hasn't worked out that way. In late June alone, Covax sent some 5,30,000 doses to Britain – more than double the amount sent that month to the entire continent of Africa.

Under COVAX, countries were supposed to give money so vaccines could be set aside, both as donations to poor countries and as an insurance policy for richer ones to buy doses if theirs fell through. Some rich countries, including those in the European Union, calculated that they had more than enough doses available through bilateral deals and ceded their allocated Covax doses to poorer countries.

But others, including Britain, tapped into the meager supply of Covax doses themselves, despite being among the countries that had reserved most of the world's available vaccines. In the meantime, billions of people in poor countries have yet to receive a single dose. The result is that poorer countries have landed in exactly the predicament COVAX was supposed to avoid: dependent on the whims and politics of rich countries for donations, just as they have been so often in the past. And in many cases, rich countries don't want to donate in significant amounts before they finish vaccinating all their citizens who could possibly want a dose, a process that is still playing out.

Other wealthy nations that recently received paid doses through COVAX include Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, all of which have relatively high immunization rates and other means of acquiring vaccines. Qatar has promised to donate 1.4 million doses of vaccines and already shipped out more than the 74,000 doses it received from COVAX.

The US never got any doses through Covax, although Canada, Australia and New Zealand did. Canada got so much criticism for taking Covax shipments that it said it would not request additional ones.

In the meantime, Venezuela has yet to receive any of its doses allocated by Covax. Haiti has received less than half of what it was allocated, Syria about a 10th. In some cases, officials say, doses weren't sent because countries didn't have a plan to distribute them.

Brook Baker, a Northeastern University law professor who specializes in access to medicines, said it was unconscionable that rich countries would dip into Covax vaccine supplies when more than 90 developing countries had virtually no access. Covax's biggest supplier, the Serum Institute of India, stopped sharing vaccines in April to deal with a surge of cases on the subcontinent.

Covax is well aware of the problem. During its board meeting in June, officials conceded they had failed to achieve equitable distribution.

Blue hydrogen might be dirtier than coal

NEW YORK: Use of "clean" hydrogen has been seen as a viable and environmentally benign energy alternative, but a study has said it could lead to higher greenhouse gas emissions than coal. The study takes aim at an energy source touted by President Joe Biden's administration, the International Energy Agency, and some energy companies. The authors lambast "blue hydrogen," saying it "appears difficult to justify on climate grounds." The hydrogen produced through a process that uses methane and natural gas is called blue hydrogen. "it is hardly emissions free," according to an article in academic journal Energy Science and Engineering that alludes to the broad support for the fuel in Washington and beyond.

Secret oil deal can put fragile corals at risk

CONSERVATION

EILAT: The Red Sea reefs off the Israeli resort of Eilat host some of the greatest coral diversity on the planet.A symphony in splendid technicolor, the reefs are among the world's most resilient coral colonies against warming seas. They have also become an unlikely battleground, caught between Israeli diplomatic and business interests, and ecological groups that fear this natural treasure could be in danger.

A clandestine oil deal struck last year as part of the historic agreement establishing formal diplomatic ties between Israel and the United Arab Emirates is turning Eilat into a waypoint for Emirati oil headed for Western markets.

Israeli environmental groups have asked the country's Supreme Court to halt oil shipments, citing EAPC's (the pipeline company) questionable safety record and the risk posed by parking supertankers alongside Eilat's fragile coral ecosystems. As for an oil spill, it's "not a question of if it will happen, but when it will happen," said Assaf Zvuloni, a Nature and Parks Authority ecologist in Eilat. Even a small rupture or human error would have disastrous consequences, he said.

Scientists confirm July was Earth's hottest month on record

CLIMATE CRISIS

JULY was the hottest month globally ever recorded, a scientific agency has said, in the latest data to sound the alarm about the climate crisis. "July is typically the world's warmest month of the year, but July 2021 outdid itself as the hottest July and month ever recorded," said Rick Spinrad, administrator of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"This new record adds to the disturbing and disruptive path that climate change has set for the globe," Spinrad said in a statement citing data from the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI).

NOAA said combined land and ocean-surface temperature was 1.67 degrees Fahrenheit (0.93 degrees Celsius) above the 20th-century average of 60.4 degrees Fahrenheit, making it the hottest July since record-keeping began 142 years ago.

The month was 0.02 degrees Fahrenheit higher than the previous record set in July 2016, which was equaled in 2019 and 2020.

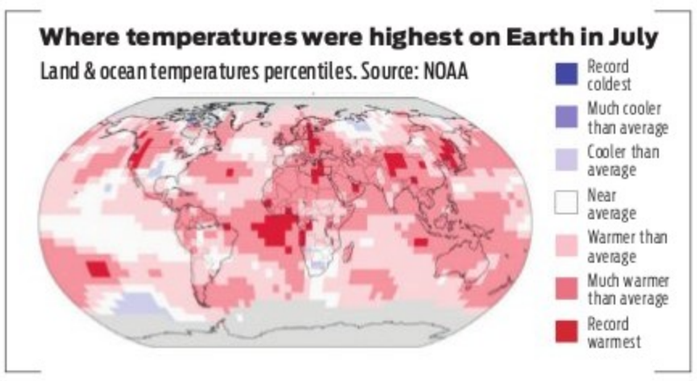
However according to data released by the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service, last month was the third warmest July on record globally.

Zeke Hausfather, a climate scientist at the Breakthrough Institute, said it is not unusual for agencies to have small differences in data.

"The NOAA record has more limited coverage over the Arctic than other global temperature records, which tend to show July 2021 as the second (NASA) or third (Copernicus) warmest on record," Hausfather told AFP.

"But regardless of exactly where it ends up on the leaderboards, the warmth the world is experiencing this summer is a clear impact of climate change due to human emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases," he said.

"The extreme events we are seeing worldwide..." he said.



FACT OF THE MATTER

Faulty capsule delays flight

SPACE: Boeing announced Friday that it has to send its troubled CST-100 Starliner capsule to a factory for repairs, delaying an unmanned test flight to the International Space Station for several months. The spacecraft had been due to launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on August 3 on an Atlas V rocket but the flight was delayed because of problems with four propulsion system valves. Boeing said it would be forced to remove the capsule and transport it to a factory at the Kennedy Space Center for "deeper-level troubleshooting" of the valves.

Only 10% kids with ADHD outgrow it

STUDY

NEW YORK: Most children diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactive disorder don't outgrow the disorder, as widely thought as a study suggests that it manifests itself in adulthood in different ways and waxes and wanes over a lifetime.

The scientists indicate that decades of research characterise ADHD as a neurobiological disorder typically first detected in childhood that persists into adulthood in approximately 50% of cases. But this study found just 10% of children completely outgrow it."It's important for people diagnosed with ADHD to understand that it's normal to have times in your life where things may be more unmanageable and other times when things feel more under control," said lead researcher Margaret Sibley, from the University of Washington.

For the study in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, the team followed a group of 558 children with ADHD for 16 years -- from 8-years old to 25 years old. The cohort had eight assessments, every two years.

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PRELUDE TO POPULAR MINISTRY
THE MYSORE CHALO MOVEMENT

After independence, the Mysore Chalo movement sought a responsible state government in the State shouldered by a few men who took up the responsibility

The princely state of Mysore under the Wodeyar dynasty had accepted the paramountcy of the British since 1799. In 1947 when the British relinquished their paramountcy over the Indian princely states and provinces, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as the Minister of States Department, was able to convince the majority of Indian Princes to accede to the Indian Union. The then Maharaja of Mysore, Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar had signed the Instrument of Accession and Mysore joined the Indian Union.

The Maharaja issued a public notice on 8th August 1947 with an intention that people should not go for any movement. He declared as "I have instructed to the Dewan to take further steps for constitutional reforms after consulting the leaders of various political parties in the state".

In Mysore state, educated nationalists had formed a Congress unit way back in 1921 under the Presidentship of S.S.Setlur, former Justice of Mysore High Court. The same year the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee was formed with its jurisdiction over North Kanara, Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwad district coming under Bombay Presidency. The INC had prohibited the Congress units established in princely states, in involving themselves in agitational activities and had urged them to confine their functioning to constructive activities like enrolment of members, campaign against drinking and untouchability, promotion of Khadi, cow protection, propagation of Hindi, etc. But the political happenings, especially under Gandhiji's direction in British India and also the holding of A.I.C.C. session at Belgaum (1924) created to a wave of enthusiasm among the nationalists in Mysore. The Congress in Mysore got a shot in its arm when the Praja Samyuktha Paksha, an influential Party in Mysore state merged with the Congress and formed Mysore Congress in 1937. Prior to India's Independence, the Mysore Congress had proved its popularity by winning 125 seats in the Representative Assembly in the election held in 1945.

After Mysore's accession to the Indian Union, the Mysore Congress had been demanding responsible Government to be introduced in Mysore. As the Maharaja did not concede the demand, the Mysore Congress under the leadership of K.C.Reddy, decided to launch a satyagraha known as Mysore Chalo movement. Defending the Congress decision to launch a sathyagraha, K.C.Reddy said that under the existing Mysore constitution no resolution relating to constitutional reforms could be tabled.

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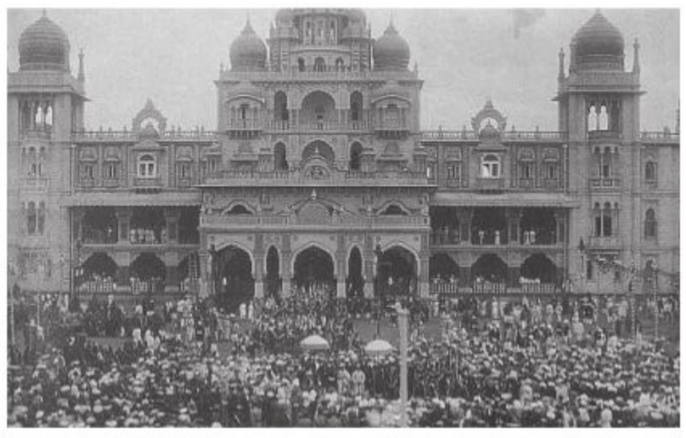

KARNATAKA RISES FOR FREEDOM

No race could sing and dance its way to freedom, and it was no different for the state too.

1 In 1920-22, due to the efforts of Bal Gangadhar Tilak, the state joined the non-cooperation movement. In 1920-21, Gandhiji visited Karnataka. After Khilafath Movement, many Muslims joined Congress and the Non-Cooperation Movement.

2 Hundreds of students left schools and colleges and even courts were boycotted by the lawyers and some gave up the lawyer profession like Venkatrao Mudavedkar, Madhavarao Kabbur, Vasudevarao Kollalli, Ananthrao Jalihal and others. Continuously, there was bonfiring of foreign clothes during 1921 and 1922 in Karnataka and many people were arrested.

3 National leaders expressed admiration on Karnataka response to the national call. But disturbances took place at Dharwar on the 1st July 1921.

4 After the formation of All-India Khadi Board in 1925, Charakha gained popularity. Khadi Association was set up at Belgaum. Charakha & Khaddar spread to all villages.

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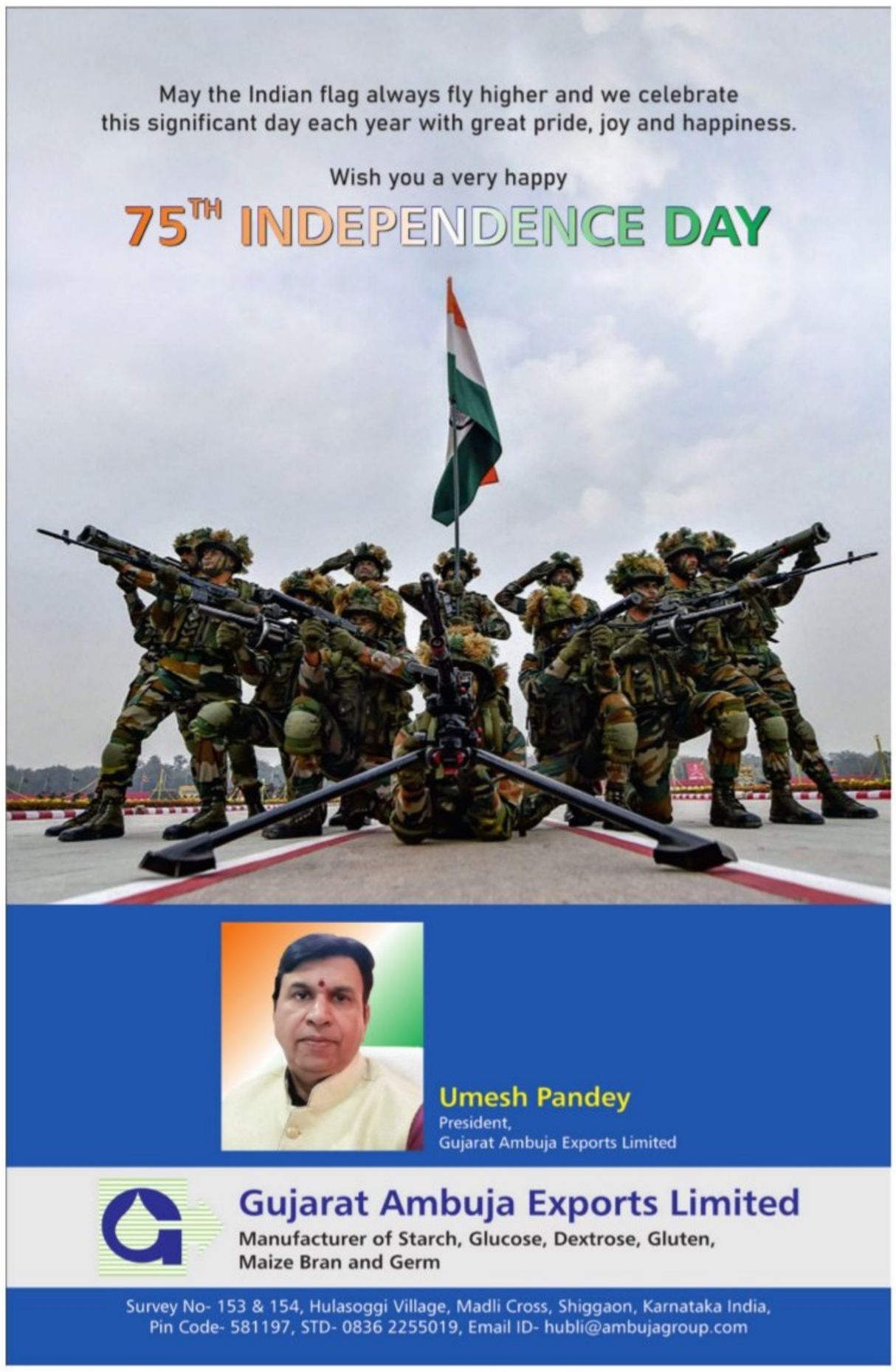
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KARNATAKA'S LONG AND EVENTFUL JOURNEY TOGETHER

5 In 1921, at the second Non-Brahmin conference, held at Belgaum due to differences of opinion among Non-Brahman Leaders, resulted in two Non-Brahman parties: a progressive Non-Brahman party, headed by A.B.Latthe, a Jain from Belgaum, and a Non-Brahman party, headed by S.T. Kambli, a Lingayat from Hubli.

6 The anti-Brahmin Communities in general and Non-Brahmins in particular in Maharashtra and Bombay Karnataka had opposed the National Movement which was being carried on and led by the Brahman community.

7 Since inception of the congress, the political scene in Karnataka was pre- dominated by Brahmin leaders. The non-Brahman movement became more active when it came to be known that if the congress party, which had its roots in the Brahman community, came to power, the non-Brahmin's aspirations would not be fulfilled.

8 When the Indian National Congress held its meeting at Belgaum under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi (1924), the non-Brahman problem in Karnataka was to a large extent mitigated by the Gandhian ideas, and a sense of national unity grew. The non-Brahman intelligentsia turned towards the national issues.

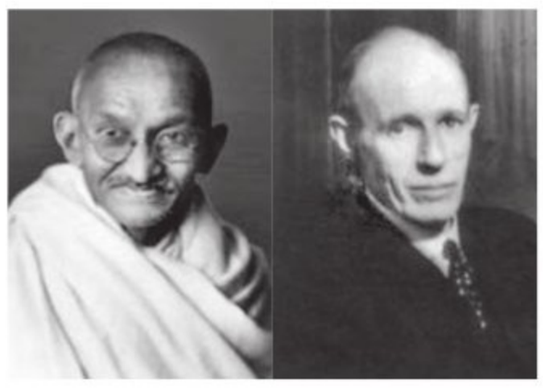
9 From December 18th to 25th, 1924, numerous parishats were held; the Bijapur District Congress meeting was held on the first day. The Karnataka Provincial Conference, Karnataka Khilafat Parishat, the Bhagini Mandal Parishat, the Karnataka Sahitya Sammelana, the All India Khilafat Conference, All India Hindu Mahasabha Conference, etc., were all held subsequently. This was a great turning point not only in the history of Freedom Movement in Bombay Karnataka but also in the Non-Brahmins' Movement.

10 Congress at the National level observed 26th of January 1930 as Independence Day. The same was observed in Karnataka also, with appropriate solemnity and discipline.

11 Dr.N.S. Hardikar, Gangadhar Rao Deshpande and few others went to Sabarmati, when the meeting of the Congress Working Committee was organised on the 14th of February. After return from Sabarmati, the meeting of the Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee was held at Bellary on the 23rd of February with R. R. Diwakar as President. A Satyagraha Committee was formed to bring about an awakening among the people about the satyagraha movement. Local leaders like Gulavadi, Thimmappa Naik and others toured and delivered speeches in different areas of North Kanara.

12 Presidents of Provincial Congress Committees were given powers to carry on the struggle according to local conditions without consulting the Central Working Committee. For the next move, the Working Committee of the Karnataka Provincial Congress met on the 17th of May 1930 at Hubli. It was decided to take up propaganda against alcohol, picketing of toddy, and the boycott of foreign clothes.

13 Sardar Patel's speech at Bailhongal and elsewhere on 15th September 1930, profoundly influenced the people. He exhorted the ryots to stand for their legitimate right as that of heroic Satyagrahis of Barodali. Every local papers like "Tarun Karnataka" electrified the people. They successfully broke the salt laws, forest laws and even the no-tax campaign began vigorously. It entailed considerable hardships and sufferings of peasants and common man.



14 The Gandhi-Irwin agreement had not materially altered the nature of the struggle in North Canara. The No-Tax campaign in Ankola had been undertaken for political reasons, where as in Sirsi, Siddapur and Hirekerur it was for economic and political reasons.

15 Due to the efforts of the local leaders, the Government granted a slight concession (March-1931) to the people of Hirekerur taluka but refused to show any concession to the people of Sirsi and Siddapur on the ground that their agitation had been prompted by political reasons. In this way, due to strict action of the government, the people of Sirsi and Siddapur suffered. Sardar Patel lauded the sacrifices of the Satyagrahis.

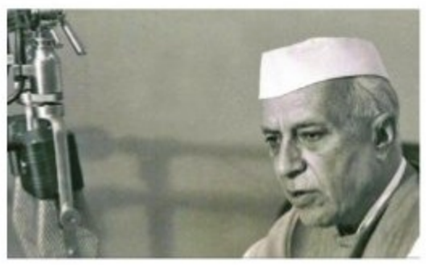
16 Another notable development was that new Socialist ideas were slowly spreading and socialist groups were being formed. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya toured all over Karnataka in 1935 and helped dissemination of socialist doctrines.

17 On the 17th of August, 1932, Ramsay Mac Donald issued his "Communal Award". In support of it, there was political struggle led by Ambedkar. This was active in Bombay Karnataka and Maharashtra.

18 Due to the efforts of Dr. Ambedkar, the untouchable community got separate electorates. But Gandhi opposed division of Hindu community. So, finally Communal Award was converted to Poona pact on 24th September, 1932.

19 In November 1933, Gandhiji took up his Harijan tour. He came to North Karnataka in February 1934 and toured the taluks of Sirsi, Siddapur, Ankola and Karwar. His Harijan tour also served to rouse the spirit of the people and to prepare them for the final battle: Quit India struggle.

20 The Government of India Act of 1935 was passed. Nehru toured Karnataka between the 10th and 17th of February 1937. In every place he visited, thousands gathered, and waited for long hours to hear his speech. He canvassed throughout Karnataka and his tour was a triumphant march, making a deep impression on the people.



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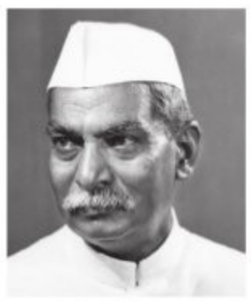
21 At Dharwad, where Nehru addressed a gathering of 15,000 people on the 13th of February 1937, he said that the eradication of poverty and imparting hopefulness and cheer to their lives was the paramount problem before the country and its achievement was impossible till the Government came into the hands of Indians.

22 Rajendra Prasad also toured Karnataka and visited many places including Belgaum, Chikkodi, Kagawad, Shedbal, Mangasooli, Athani, Bijapur. His eloquence and charming personality made a deep and lasting impression on the people. These election tours of had a profound effect on the people of Karnataka and prepared them not only for the election ahead but also for the grim struggle of 1942.



23 Karnataka undertook constructive programmes of the Congress with great zeal. The spread of Khadi, prohibition of alcohol, upliftment of Harijans, village industries, etc. were taken up.

24 The Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee Conference commenced on 30th June 1935 at Gadag under the presidentship of S.K. Hosamani. Preparation for elections were made with the support of Non- Brahmin communities and Congress won with great margin.

25 People were informed that they would have to take upon themselves the responsibility of "Do or Die" even if it meant that the leaders may have to be behind bars.

When a Cherished Demand was Fulfilled Signalling a New Dawn

On 4th September 1947, K.C.Reddy and other Congress leaders like K.T.Bashyam, H.Siddalingiah, H.K.Veeranna Gowda, T.Subramanya, S.Chenniah and others were arrested. Pre-censorship orders on dailies like Tainadu, Vishwa Karnataka and Pouravani was issued. But popular response was unprecedented and students and labourers participated in thousands, and were arrested. Over 20 people were killed in the state as a result of police firing.

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H.K.Veeranna Gowda

Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar

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On several occasions the president of the legislative assembly and the Dewan as president of the representative assembly had disallowed resolutions bearing on reforms on the plea that they could not be discussed.

On 1st September 1947, K.C.Reddy as President of Mysore Congress unfurled the Indian Union flag in Subashnagar, Bangalore. Over 40,000 people had assembled to hear Reddy's speech wherein he said that the sathyagraha would not be stopped till their demands were met — A royal proclamation announcing the formation of responsible government, establishment of a Constituent Committee of about 25 persons for framing the constitution of the state, formation of an interim ministry consisting of people enjoying the confidence of the public and release of all political prisoners.

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The situation deteriorated further during the third and fourth weeks of September. The rail strike and sabotage of communication facilities led to the breakdown of contact between Bangalore and Hassan.

On 19th a large batch of Bangalore city police constables came out on strike and marched from station to station asking their colleagues to join them.

Volunteers from outside the state joined Mysoreans in a campaign to set up parallel governments in rural areas near the state borders and serious agitation in moffusil centers rendered the normal functioning of the government impossible.

At last the Maharaja was forced to yield. He agreed to establish a responsible government on 24th October and K.C.Reddy was sworn in as the Chief Minister on 27th of October. The long cherished popular demand was thus fulfilled.

K. Chengaluraya Reddy: People's Man and the Undisputed Leader of Free Karnataka

Kyasamballi Chengaluraya Reddy (4 May 1902 – 27 February 1976) was the first Chief Minister of Karnataka (then Mysore State).

K.C. Reddy was born into a Vokkaliga family in Kyasamballi village, Kolar district. He was a revolutionary from childhood and participated in many protests against British rule in India.

After graduating in law, Reddy along with other political activists, founded the Praja Paksha (Peoples' Party) in 1930. The aim of this party was to achieve responsible government in the Princely state of Mysore. The party gained support in rural areas as it largely highlighted the issues of farmers.

The Praja Paksha and Praja Mitra Mandali joined to form the Praja Samyukta Paksha (Mysore People's Federation) in 1934. Reddy served as its president from 1935 to 1937.

Later, the federation merged with the Indian National Congress and participated in the Indian independence movement.

Reddy served as the president of Mysore Congress twice, in 1937–38 and 1946–47. He was also a member of the Constituent Assembly of India.

After independence of India in 1947, he was at the forefront of the Mysore Chalo movement seeking responsible state government in Mysore State and went on to become the first Chief Minister of the state. He served in this position from 1947 to 1952.

Reddy was elected as member of the Mysore Legislative Assembly in 1952. He served as a member of the Rajya Sabha from 1952 to 1957 and as a member of the Lok Sabha, representing Kolar from 1957 to 1962.

During this period, he also served as Union Minister for Housing and Supplies (1957–61) and as Union Minister for Commerce and Industries (1961–62). Later, he also served as Governor of Madhya Pradesh. Reddy's birth centenary was commemorated in 2002 when his contribution towards development of Karnataka was hailed.

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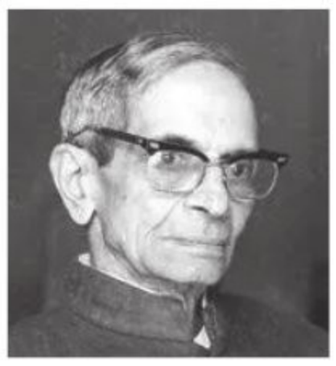
Post Independence, A Defining Movement to Reorganise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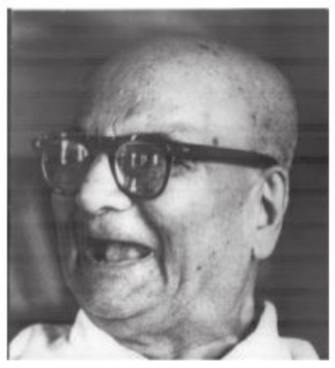
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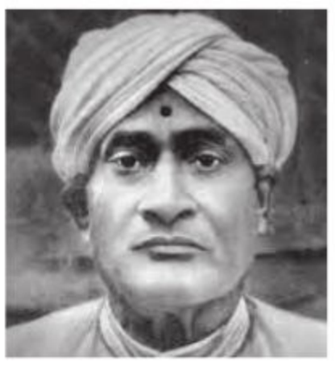
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After Independence, the President of the Constituent Assembly set up a linguistic provinces committee on 17th June 1948 with S.K.Dhar as Chairman. The Dhar Commission was asked to report what new provinces were to be created and also state 'the administrative, financial and other consequences' of the creation of new provinces.

The Commission in its report submitted on 10th December 1948 expressed itself against any reorganisation of provinces being undertaken in the then prevailing circumstances.

At the Jaipur session of the Indian National Congress in December 1948, the Congress appointed another committee known as the J.V.P.Committee consisting of Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel and Pattabhi Seetharamaiah to consider the question of linguistic states and review the position in the light of the findings of the Dhar commission. After thorough deliberation, the committee came to the conclusion that formation of linguistic provinces should be postponed by a few years. Claims and counter claims over various regions, like Bombay city being claimed by both the Maharashtrians and the Gujaratis or Madras by the Tamils and the Telugus, being looked as main hurdles. But it conceded the demand for the formation of Andhra province.

On the eve of the first general election in 1951-52, the Congress in its election manifesto said that the formation of linguistic provinces was in its agenda. But after coming to power it did not take any initiative in this direction.

The 'Akhanda Karnataka Rajya Nirmana Parishad' was formed in Karnataka with K.R.Karanth as President, with a view to pressurise the Central government to concede the demand for the formation of linguistic provinces. In Madras, Potti Sriramulu undertook his epic fast on 19th October 1952 to press for the formation of Andhra province and on 15th December 1952 he died. There was widespread violence in Andhra region and on 19th December, Nehru announced the formation of the Andhra state.

This resulted in the district of Bellary being transferred to Mysore. In Karnataka, at the by-election held at Dharwad and Hubli for the Bombay legislature, the Ekikarana Paksha candidate defeated the Congress candidate. At a K.P.P.C. meeting held at Hubli during the same period there was an unprecedented scene of violence when a crowd trying to demonstrate in favour of Unification turned turbulent. A Congress worker, Shankargouda Patil of Adaraguchi near Hubli was holding 'fast unto death' at the time of the meeting.

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The Commission considered 1,52,250 documents, interviewed over 9,000 persons and traveled 38,000 miles before coming to its conclusion. Most of the documents submitted to the Commission were simple telegrams, printed resolution, etc. denoting the wishes of particular localities. The Commission submitted its report on 30th September 1955.

Recommendations of the Fazl Ali Commission

The Commission among other things recommended the merger of the some regions for the formation of a United Karnataka. They consisted of Mysore state, including Bellary district, the districts of Dharwad, Bijapur, North Kanara and Belgaum (except Chandgad taluk), South Kanara district (except Kasargod taluk), Coorg (Kodagu), Gulbarga district (expect Kodangal and Tandur taluks), Raichur district (except Alampur and Gadval taluks) and Bidar district consisting of Bidar, Bhalki, Aurad and Humnabad taluks. Kollegal taluk from Coimbatore district of Madras Province was merged with Mysore district.

The Commission also recommended the abolition of the post of 'Rajapramukh'. The new state had 19 districts.

Mysore's Reluctance

The benevolent rule of the Wodeyars had seen Mysore making progress in various fields like industries, commerce, education and culture. So much so the state had earned the epithet 'model state' and Gandhiji had called Krishnaraja Wodeyar IV as 'Rajarshi'.

Though the people here sympathised for their brethren outside Mysore, many did not show enthusiasm for a United Karnataka. Some of the prominent personalities of Mysore who were opposed to United Karnataka included politicians like Kadidal Manjappa, former Diwans of Mysore like Sir M. Visveswaraya, Sir Mirza Ismail and scholars like D.V.Gundappa and M.P.L.Sastri. They wanted the formation of two Karnataka, one with Mysore and adjoining areas of South Kanara, Coorg and Kollegal and other comprising the Kannada speaking districts of Bombay and Hyderabad states.

Regarding the suggestion of the removal of the post of Rajpramukh, Mirza Ismail, the former Diwan of Mysore felt that it was a total disregard for the solemn undertaking given by the government of India before the accession of Mysore that he would be left undisturbed.

Both Mirza and Sir. M.Visveswaraya felt that Mysore would lose its identity and pushed into a backward economic position by merging with other parts of Kannada speaking areas.

It was estimated that in United Karnataka, nearly 20% of the population will be Lingayats, 13 to 14% be Vokkaligas and 17 to18% Dalits. The opposition to unification was also due to the fact that the Lingayat community would dominate the political arena of the state after Unification due to its numerical strength. This opposition was so serious that Chief Minister of Mysore, K.Hanumanthaiah, who supported unification was forced to relinquish his office as some of his supporters expressed no-confidence in his leadership. But following the diktat from the Congress Party High Command, Kadidal Manjappa (who opposing the Unification had rebelled against K.Hanumanthaiah and had stepped into his shoes) and his cabinet colleagues had to accept the proposal for Unification.

On November 1st 1956 President Rajendra Prasad inaugurated the new Mysore state at Bangalore by pressing a button whereby the big map of the new state of Mysore was brilliantly lit. After invocation, famous vocalist P.Kalinga Rao sang the song "*Udayavagali namma cheluva Kannada nadu*", the popular Kannada anthem.

The President then presented Rs.1000 to Huilgol Narayan Rao, who had composed the song as early as in 1924 and Rs.500 to P. Kalinga Rao who had set it to suitable tune and popularised it. This was followed by Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar, being sworn in as the new Governor of the state and S.Nijalingappa as the new Chief Minister.

Thus the dream of the Kannadigas was realised. To console the hurt sentiments of the anti-mergers in Mysore, the state was called New Mysore after unification and only in November 1973 it could be renamed as Karnataka.

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THE MIGHTY FIGHTERS

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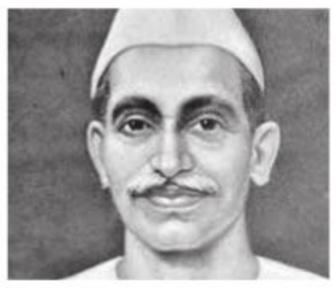


KARNAD SADASHIVA RAO (MANGALORE)

Karnad Sadashiva Rao was born to a wealthy south Indian. family in 1881. He studied at Presidency College in Madras and also studied law in Mumbai. Rao became involved in the Indian independence movement. He founded Mahila Sabha to help widows and poor women. By 1919, he was fully involved in the Indian independence movement, being one of the first from Karnataka to volunteer for Gandhi's Satyagraha movement. He was also one of the key members of the Congress Party.

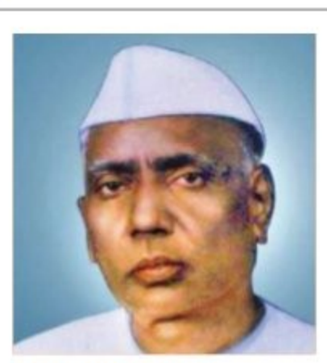
Rao spent all of his wealth in service of the independence movement and for helping the poor. He attended the Faizpur Congress Session in December 1936. A penniless Sadashiva Rao stayed in a leaky hut, and caught cold and fever. Despite this, Rao travelled to Mumbai without telling anyone of his condition. He died shortly afterwards on 9 January 1937. Rao died without a single penny, without having money to even perform his last rites.

V.N O'KEY (MULKI)

Born as Vasudev, V.N. O'key was known for illustrating arts and for supporting the Quit India Movement by helping Yusuf Meher Ali, a freedom fighter. Even his paintings at the time of Emergency in India got global attention as well. He played a prominent role in documenting tribal Indians. He took his last breath in Panvel home, made for senior citizens.

KAMALA DEVI CHATTOPADHAYA (MANGALORE)

Kamaladevi Chattopadhaya was a social reformer and freedom activist. She was most remembered for her contribution to the Indian independence movement; for being the driving force behind the renaissance of handicrafts, handlooms, and theatre in independent India.



R.S HUKKERIKAR (DHARWAD)

A schoolteacher and journalist, Hukkerikar joined the Congress in 1920 and was imprisoned a number of times for his activities in the independence movement. In 1952, he was elected to Bombay Legislative Council. He served as chair of the Mysore Gandhi Smarak Nidhi.

NITTUR SRINIVASA RAU (TUMKUR)

Srinivasa Rao was a Gandhian and the Chief Justice of the High Court of Mysore State and also the first chief of the Central Vigilance Commission of India. He was chosen as acting Governor of Mysore state and was the first person to translate Gandhi's autobiography to the Kannada language.

HARDEKAR MANJAPPA (BANAVASI)

Manjappa and his brother were largely involved in the Swadeshi movement. Widely known as the Gandhi of Karnataka, Manjappa delivered more than a thousand lectures on Satyagraha, patriotism, and nationalism.

UMABAI KUNDAPUR (MANGALORE)

Umabai was a brave woman who simply came forward to sacrifice her life for Swadeshi movement and Satyagraha. During Quit India movement, many underground workers appeared at her Hubli house seeking food and monetary help. Umabai single-handedly helped everyone at a great risk and sought solace in behind the curtain.

Post independence, she denied to enter politics and continued to contribute behind the screen. She refused Tamra-Patra award and also the national and state pensions accorded to freedom fighters.

K.G GOKHALE (BELGAUM)

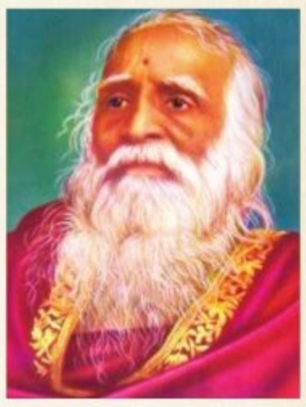
Gokhale was a renowned political journalist. He participated in the Non-cooperation movement and was sentenced to one year imprisonment. He was a member of the K.P.C.C and was also elected its Secretary. He played a vital role during the Civil Disobedience Movement in Karnataka. He was the first man in Karnataka to lead a batch of volunteers to Ankola from the Belgaum for Salt Satyagraha.

N.S HARDIKAR (DHARWAD)

Hardikar was a graduate in public health from Michigan University who played a vital role in the freedom movement of Hubli. Hardikar and his Hubli Seva Mandal gained national prominence after they refused to apologize to the British authorities to gain a commutation in their prison sentences. Post independence, Dr. Hardikar helped found the Karnataka Health Institute at Gataprabha and was conferred Padma Bushan in 1958.

THE EARLY CHANGEMAKER

All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy, and Aluru Venkata Rao was well prepared for the trial, and while doing so, he changed the way people thought and lived



Aluru Venkata Rao (12 July 1880 – 25 February 1964) was an Indian revolutionary, historian, writer and journalist. Venkata Rao is revered as Karnataka Kulapurohita (High priest of the Kannada family) in the Karnataka region for his contribution towards the cause of a separate Karnataka state. He became famous for undertaking a Karnataka Ekikarana movement in support of the formation of a state for the Kannada-speaking population of Mysore, Bombay Presidency and the Nizam's Hyderabad.

He started his own newspaper *Jaya Karnataka* and stated that the sole aim of the newspaper was to strive for Karnataka's statehood.

Works

Rao began by contributing articles to newspapers such as *Chandrodhaya*, *Karnataka Patra*, and Rajahamsa. In 1906, he began to work as an editor for a monthly magazine, *Vagbhushana*. In November 1922, he started *Jaya Karnataka*, a monthly magazine that published articles on a variety of topics.

About 27 books written by Rao have been published, the first of which was *Vidyaranya Charitre* in 1907. His other works include *Karnataka Gatha Vaibhava*, *Karnataka Veeraratnagalu*, *Karnatakathva Sutragalu* and *Karnatakathva Vikasa*.

In 1907 he organised a conference of Kannada writers and the next year started the Karnataka Grantha Prasarada Mandali. In 1930, he presided over the Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held at Mysore. In accordance with the wishes of Tilak, he translated the former's work *Gita Rahasya* from Marathi to Kannada.

He was sad that the name of Karnataka did not find a place in the list of states mentioned in the national anthem and wrote about its inclusion to the Prime Minister and President of India.

He was honoured in the capital of Bangalore on the eighth anniversary of the state's formation in 1963.

Rao died on 24 February 1964.

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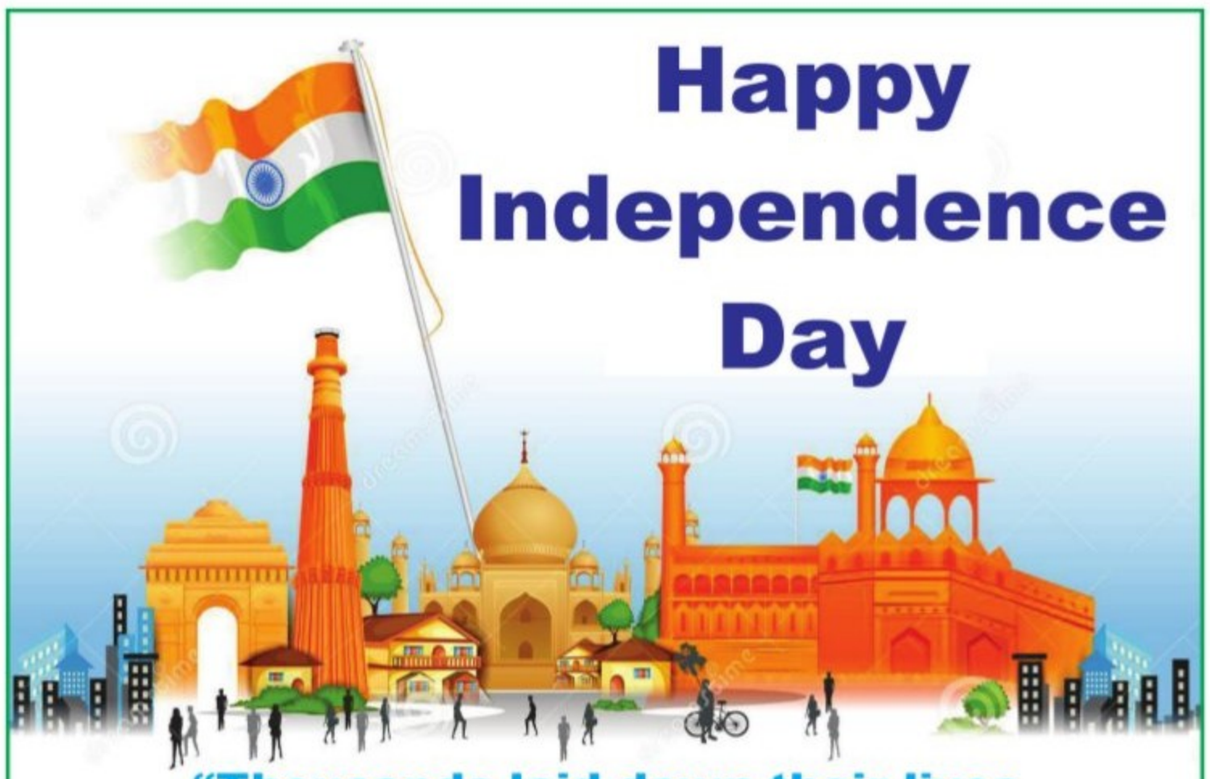

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When North Karnataka Pledged for Unification

Participants of the first Kannada Sahitya Parishat (Bangalore, 1915)

During the period of British rule, areas that now comprise Karnataka were under as many as 20 different administrative units with the princely state of Mysore, Nizam's Hyderabad, the Bombay Presidency, the Madras Presidency and the territory of Kodagu being the most important ones. In effect, nearly two-thirds of what is now Karnataka fell outside the rule of the Wodeyar kings of Mysore.

This meant that the Kannadigas in these regions in spite of their large numbers did not have an administrative patronage. Kannadigas in the Hubli-Karnataka region for example, came under the rule of the Bombay Presidency where Marathi was the official language. Those in the Hyderabad-Karnataka region came under the Nizam's rule where Urdu was the main language. Kannadigas in South Canara came under the rule from Madras Presidency which used Tamil as the main language.

Under these conditions, a feeling of discontent began among Kannadigas outside Mysore. Thus, while the Kannadigas under the Nizam felt that Urdu was being forced on them at the expense of Kannada, those in the Bombay Presidency felt similarly concerning Marathi. These areas also remained economically undeveloped. It was in these conditions that the movement that first started as a protest against linguistic oppression, began demanding the creation of a separate state consolidating all Kannada-speaking regions. This was called *Ekikarana* or 'Unification' movement.

Role of North Karnataka

Almost the entire southern half of Karnataka was then under the Wodeyars of Mysore with Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar. The official language of the state was Kannada and the state was also one of the more progressive states of the day. Important protagonists of the *Ekikarana* movement including Aluru Venkata Rao were from northern parts of Karnataka. One of the earliest and most important organisations that was chosen to lead the movement, the Karnataka Vidyavardhaka Sangha also began in Dharwad.

The Vidyavardhaka Sangha and other organisations

The Karnataka Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Dharwad was established in 1890. It was established by R H Deshpande with the objective of working for the resurgence of the Kannada language which had been marginalised under the rule of the Bombay Presidency where Marathi was the official language. The Vidyavardhaka Sangha became the aegis under which leaders from all over Karnataka gathered to further their agitation. The influence and success of the Vidyavardhaka Sangha soon lead to more such organisations being set up throughout Karnataka. The most notable of these were the Kannada Sahitya Parishat (Bangalore) that was set up in 1915, the Karnataka Sangha (Shivamogga) that began in 1916and the Karnataka Samithi in Kasaragod in 1955.

Karnataka Samithi (R), Kasaragod was established in 1955 to advocate a merger of Kasaragod with Karanataka state. Umesha Rao, popularly known as Gadinadu Gandhi, was the first president of the organisation and the only person to be elected to the Kerala Assembly unanimously. On his death in 1957, B. S. Kakkillaya succeeded him as president until 1967. A prominent figure in the movement for unification of Karnataka, Kakkillaya was later honoured by the government of Karnataka, which gave the Suvarna Karnataka Ekikarana Award to the Samithi on the occasion of Suvarna Karnataka Rajyotsava in 2006. His photograph was among those used in the Karnataka Government's Suvarna Karnataka calendar of 2006.

Kallige Mahabala Bhandari, an advocate, was elected to the Kerala Assembly from Manjeshwaram Constituency in Kasaragod under the Samithi banner. U. P. Kunikullaya was similarly elected in 1967. The efforts of the Samithi led to the Kasgarod unification issue being referred to the Justice Mahajan Commission by the government of India in 1966. B. V. Kakkillaya prepared a case for presentation before the commission, where K. R. Karanth, a former minister under Rajagopalachari in the then state of Madras and a leading advocate, represented the Samithi. The commission upheld the claim for merger of Kasaragod with the state of Karnataka. The Parliament of India is yet to take a final decision in the matter.

B. V. Kakkillaya took over the presidency of the Samithi in 2000. During his term as president, the government of Kerala nominated him as a member of the State Level Committee for Linguistic Minorities in Kerala. He, too, received the Rajyotsava award in 2006.

Karnataka Gatha Vaibhava

Amidst all this, Aluru published his most renowned achievement, the Karnataka Gatha Vaibhava in 1912. Karnataka Gatha Vaibhava literally means The glory that was Karnataka!. It was a book that recounted in detail the history of Karnataka until the fall of Vijayanagar after which the Marathas, Nizam and the British took over. The book impacted the young and old alike. The movement soon caught the imagination of the public and people started rallying around the Ekikarana movement and the movement picked up momentum. For all these efforts and for being the one who inspired a whole movement, Aluru is today remembered as the Kannada Kula Purohita or the 'High priest of the Kannada clan'.

Growth of the movement

Starting with Aluru's call for a Kannada linguistic state, the movement had slowly started gaining momentum and following. It was also around the time that the Indian independence movement was gathering momentum. Organisations in the movement began organising rallies, talks and conferences where demands for a separate state for Kannada speaking people was made.

Apart from Aluru, supporters like Gudleppa Hallikeri, Siddappa Kambli, R H Deshpande, Rangarao Diwakar, Koujalgi Srinivasarao,Srinivas Rao Mangalvedhe, Kengal Hanumanthaiah, Gorur Ramaswamy Iyengar, S Nijalingappa, T Mariyappa, Subramanya, Sowcar Chennaiah, H K Veerangowda, H C Dasappa, H Siddaiah,K. R. Karanth, B. S. Kakkillaya, B. V. Kakkillaya and Anakru were by now prominent in the movement. Anakru in particular, was influential with his writing and oratory.

Nagpur Conference

Due to the efforts of these organisations and leaders, the movement not only gained in momentum but also attained a quasi-political influence. In 1920, Karnataka State Political Conference was held at Dharwad. At this conference, which was presided over by V P Madhav Rao, a unanimous resolution was passed demanding the unification of all Kannada speaking areas. The conference also advised Kannadigas to attend the Nagpur Congress to be held later that year in large numbers. Almost 800 delegates attended the Nagpur conference where the Indian National Congress made the decision to create the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee.This aided the movement and leaders of the Congress like S Nijalingappa and Kengal Hanumanthaiah (both of whom went on to become Chief Ministers of Karnataka) and Gudleppa Hallikeri also served as active members of the movement.

1924 Belagavi Conference

In 1924, the Belagavi congress was held under the aegis of the newly formed Karnataka Pradesh Congress committee arm of the INC. Mahatma Gandhi presided over this historic conference.

This conference was attended by Kannadigas from all parts in large numbers. The first Karnataka Unification Conference was also organised at the same venue. This was presided over by Siddappa Kambli.

These two conferences were attended by a significant number of leaders, writers, poets and intellectuals from Karnataka.

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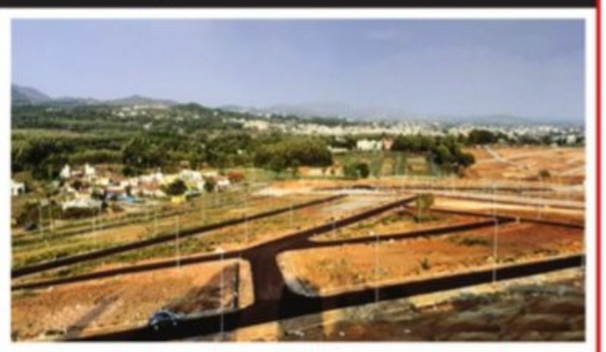

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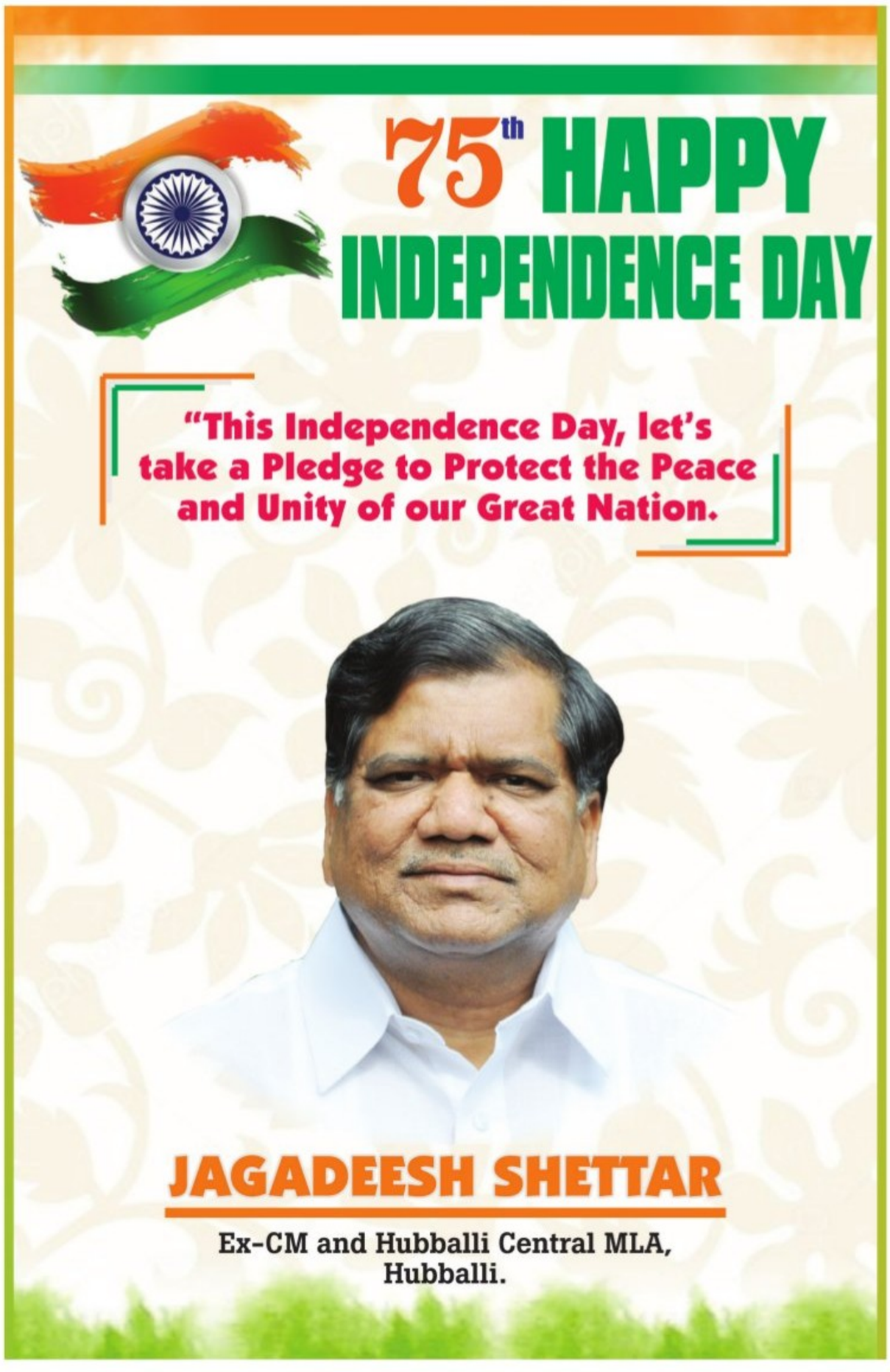
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FOUNDATIONS WHICH THREW OFF THE SHACKLES

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Campus of IISC

After an accidental meeting between Jamsetji Tata and Swami Vivekananda, on a ship in 1893 where they discussed Tata's plan of bringing the steel industry to India, Tata wrote to Vivekananda five years later: "I trust, you remember me as a fellow-traveller on your voyage from Japan to Chicago. I very much recall at this moment your views on the growth of the ascetic spirit in India... I recall these ideas in connection with my scheme of Research Institute of Science for India, of which you have doubtless heard or read."

Impressed by Vivekananda's views on science and leadership abilities, Tata wanted him to guide his campaign. Vivekananda endorsed the project with enthusiasm, and Tata, with the aim of advancing the scientific capabilities of the country, constituted a Provisional Committee to prepare a plan for setting up of an Institute of research and higher education. The committee presented a draft proposal to Lord Curzon on 31 December 1898. Subsequently, Sir William Ramsay, a Nobel Laureate, was called on to propose a suitable place for such an institution who suggested Bangalore as the best location.

The land and other facilities for the institution were donated on behalf of the state of Mysore by Krishna Raja Wadiyar IV, and Tata himself. The Karnataka donated about 371 acres of land (now valued about Rs 400 billion). Tata gave several buildings towards the creation of IISc. State of Karnataka also contributed Rs 500000 (now valued 12.5 million) towards capital expenditure and Rs 50000 (now valued 1.25 million) for annual expense. The 7th Nizam of Hyderabad-Mir Osman Ali Khan also contributed in terms of money which amounted to 3 lakh Rupees over a period of 31 years.

The constitution of the institute was approved by the Viceroy, Lord Minto, and the necessary Vesting Order to enable it to function was signed on 27 May 1909. Early in 1911, the Maharaja of Mysore laid the foundation stone of the institute, and on 24 July, the first batch of students were admitted to the Departments of General and Applied Chemistry under Norman Rudolf and Electro-Technology under Alfred Hay. Within two months, the Department of Organic Chemistry was opened. In 1958, the institute was granted the deemed university status by the UGC.

At the time of the inception of IISc in 1909, Morris Travers, Sir William Ramsay's co-worker in the discovery of the noble gases, became its first Director. For Travers, this was a natural continuation of his work on the institute, since he had played a role in its founding. The first Indian Director was the Nobel Laureate Sir C.V. Raman.

The institute was the first to introduce Masters programs in Engineering. It has also started integrated doctoral programs in Biological, Chemical, Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

DEFENCE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Not just the PSUs, Bengaluru is home to number of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) laboratories, mostly working in defence aeronautics, radar, engine and related technologies.

The DRDO was established in 1958 by amalgamating the Defence Science Organisation and some of the technical development establishments. A separate Department of Defence Research and Development was formed in 1980 which later on administered DRDO and its 50 laboratories/ establishments.

Most of the time the Defence Research Development Organisation was treated as if it was a vendor and the Army Headquarters or the Air Headquarters were the customers. Because the Army and the Air Force themselves did not have any design or construction responsibility, they tended to treat the designer or Indian industry at par with their corresponding designer in the world market. If they could get a MiG-21 from the world market, they wanted a MiG-21 from DRDO.

DRDO started its first major project in surface-to-air missiles (SAM) known as Project Indigo in the 1960s.

HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT LTD.

HAL was established as Hindustan Aircraft Limited in Bangalore on 23 December 1940 by Walchand Hirachand in association with the then Kingdom of Mysore. Walchand Hirachand became Chairman of the company.

The organisation and equipment for the factory at Bangalore was set up by William D. Pawley of the Intercontinental Aircraft Corporation of New York. The Indian Government bought a one-third stake in the company and by April 1941 by investing Rs 25 lakhs. The decision by the government was primarily motivated to boost British military hardware supplies in Asia to counter the increasing threat posed by Imperial Japan during Second World War. The first aircraft built was a Harlow PC-5.

On 2 April 1942, the government announced that the company had been nationalised.

In 1943, the Bangalore factory was handed over to the United States Army Air Forces but still using Hindustan Aircraft management. The factory expanded rapidly and became the centre for major overhaul and repair of American aircraft and was known as the 84th Air Depot.

INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES

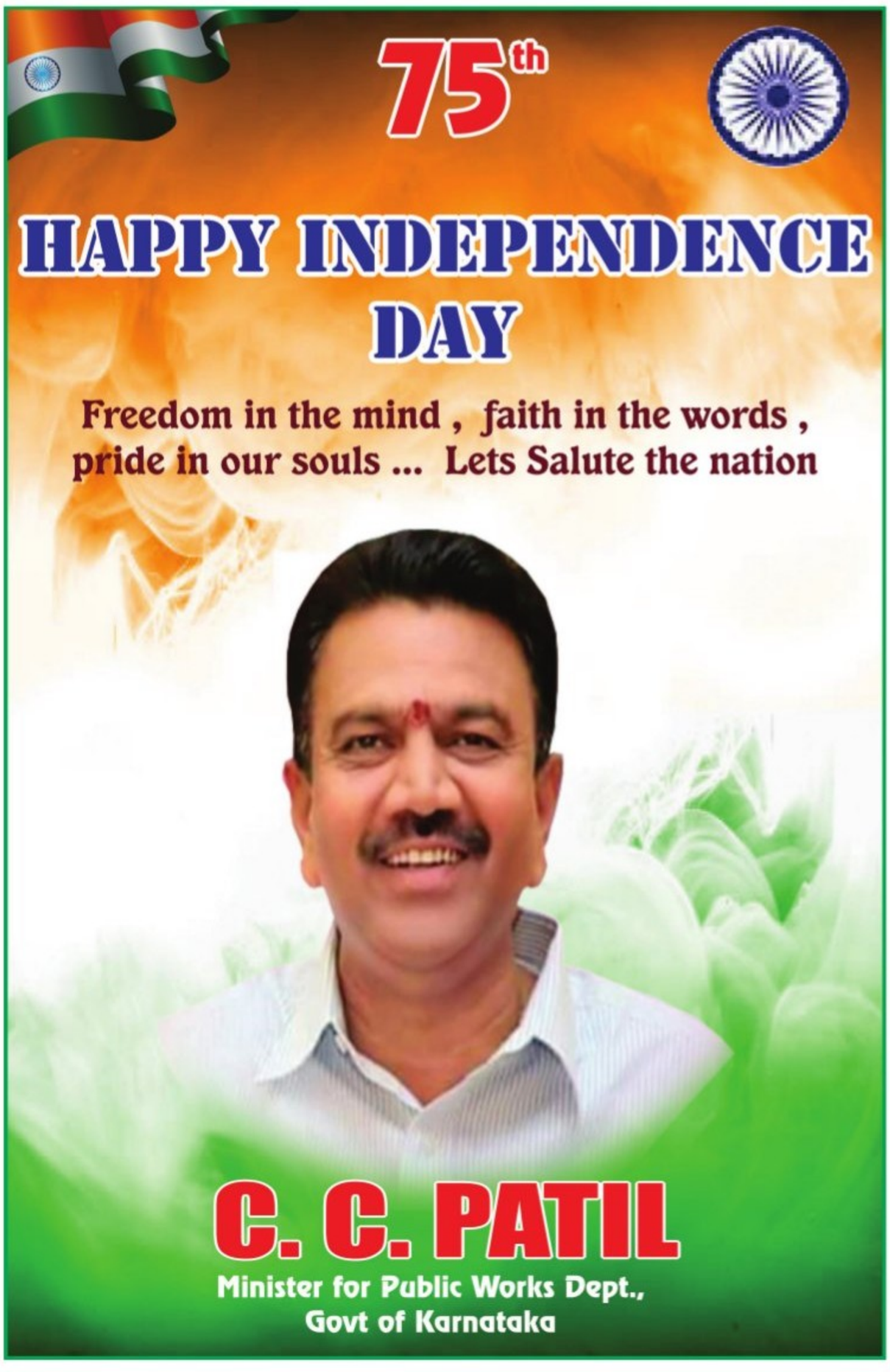
Indian Telephone Industries Limited, commonly known as ITI Limited, is a government-owned telecommunications equipment manufacturing enterprise in India. It is under the ownership of Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.

Today it has six manufacturing facilities which produce a range of switching, transmission, access and subscriber premises equipment. It has multi-locational electronic assembly and mechanical manufacturing facilities accredited with ISO 9001:2015, countrywide marketing and customer support centers and in-house R&D for absorption of technology, indigenous development of products for in-house manufacturing.

NIMHANS

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences is a medical institution in Bengaluru. NIMHANS is the apex centre for mental health and neuroscience education in the country. It is an Institute of national importance and operates autonomously under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. NIMHANS is ranked 4th best medical institute in India, having applied for the first time in NIRF ranking of 2020.

The history of the institute dates back to 1847, when the Bangalore Lunatic Asylum was founded. In 1925, the Government of Mysore rechristened the asylum as the Mental Hospital.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Minister for Public Works Dept.,
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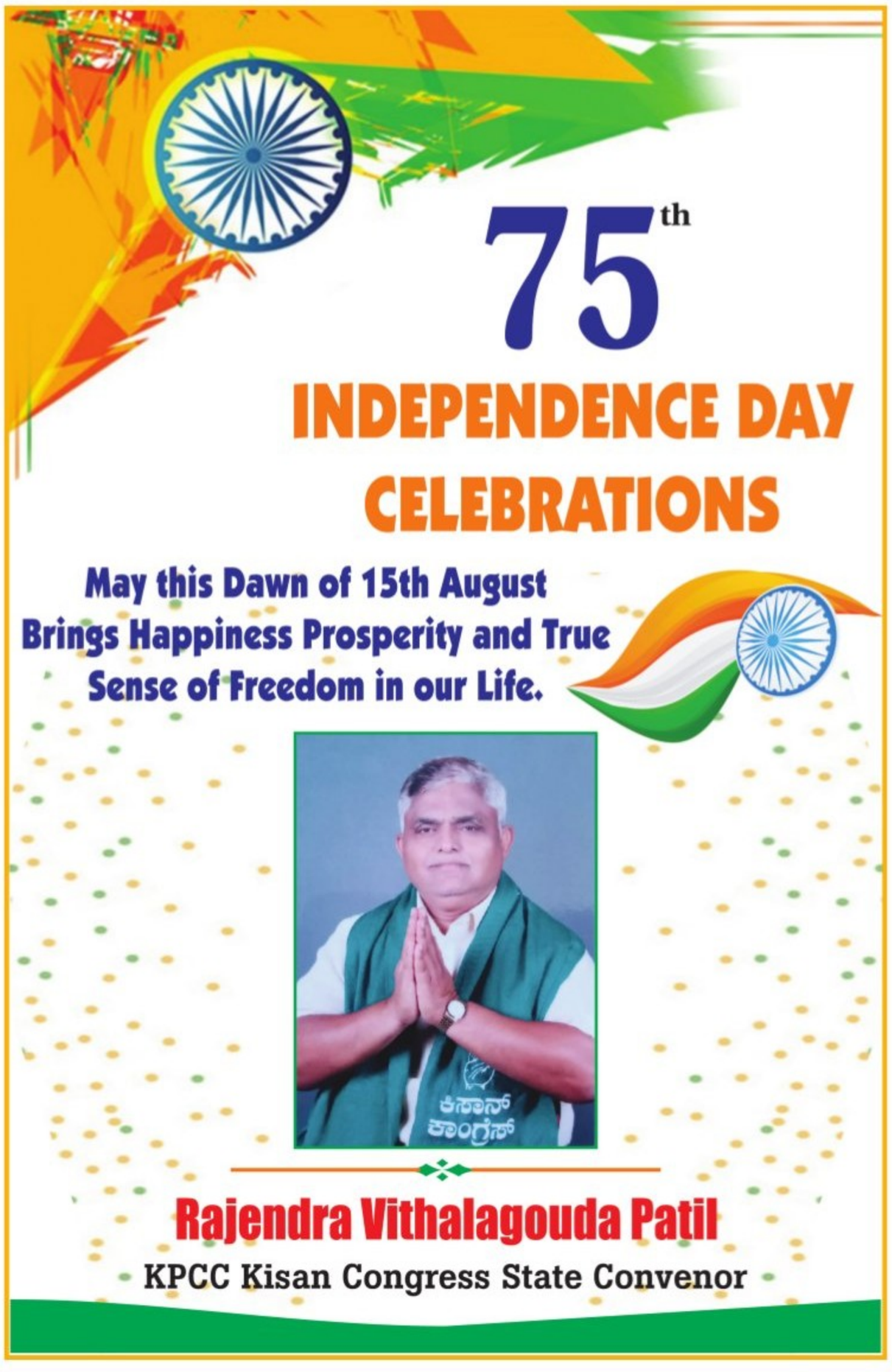

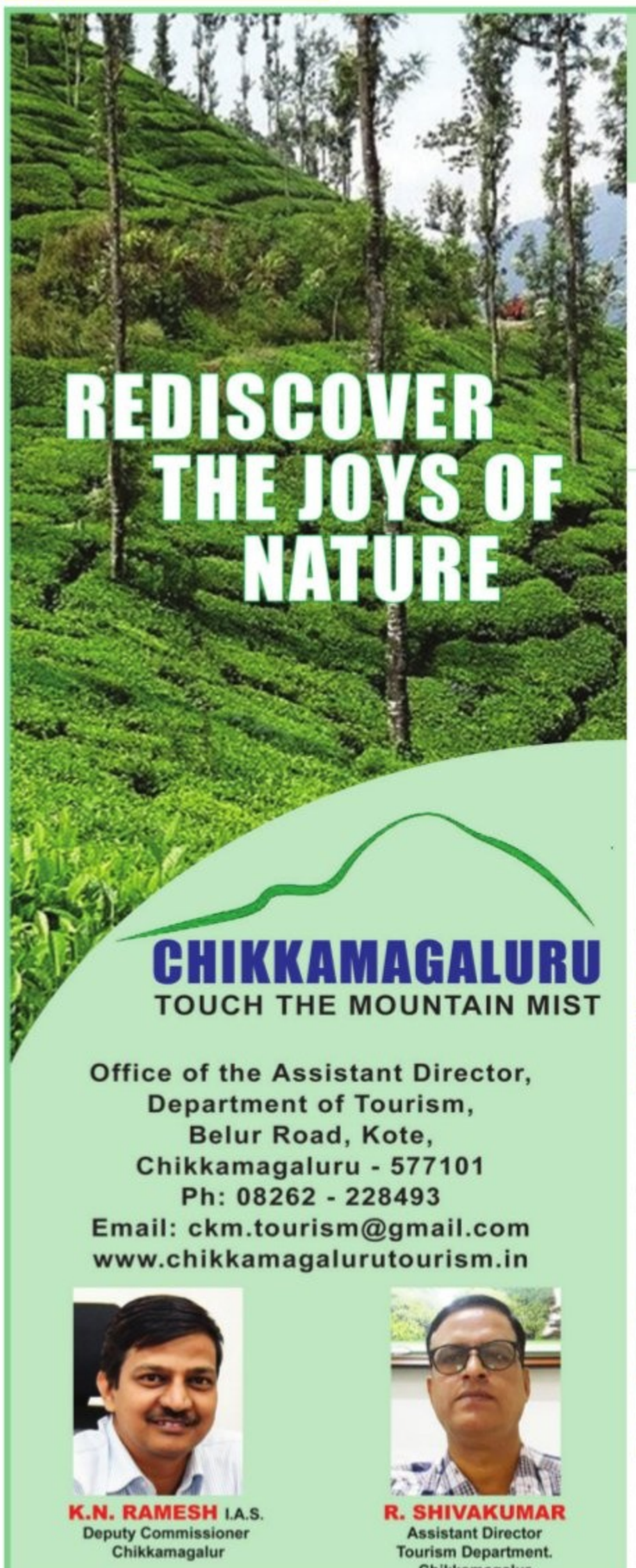

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the very name evokes the fragrance of coffee and visions of mist covered verdant mountain landscapes. This charming little hill station lies nestled in the undulating terrain of the Western Ghats.

Incredible vistas greet the visitors - whether it is honeymooning couples, or trekking enthusiasts, nature lovers or simply tourists who wish to spend a leisurely time in cooler climes - there is something for everyone. Coffee was purportedly brought to this region by the Saint Baba Budan from Arabia and today it is rightfully known as the Land of Coffee. The weather here is mostly cool to moderately warm throughout the year.

The monsoons are spectacular times when the greenery of the hills comes alive, with gurgling mountain streams and bubbling waterfalls to enthrall the visitor. This lush setting has much to offer for sightseers. Mullayanagiri peak is the highest in Karnataka and a part of the Dattapeeta hill range.

The Kudremukh Mountain is home to a National Park with its diverse flora and fauna. The magnificent Kemmannugundi summer retreat is another green attraction that attracts tourists from far and wide to spend the summer months in relatively cooler comfort, far from the dust and grime of the cities. There are many waterfalls all along the mountainous territory and many tourists enjoy an impromptu cool shower under these cascades. For those who are more spiritual minded there are temples and places of worship all around the region of not just religious but also historical interest. For those nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts or budding ornithologists there are two points of interest in the tropical wet evergreen forests of Kudremukh National Park and the Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary. Truly, this is a paradise with the best that Nature has provided to us.

HEBBE FALLS
Situated 8 km away from Kemmannugundi, Hebbe Falls is a magnificent waterfall which gushes down 554 ft in two stages. Even though there is jeep service to this place, usually people prefer trekking.

KALHATTHI FALLS
It is 10 km away from Kemmanugundi towards Tarikere. Here the water cascades down 403 ft. The place has legendary association with sage Agasthya. There is a accommodation for overnight stay.

KUDREMUKH & NATIONAL PARK
95 km southwest of Chikkamagaluru town is Kudremukh range, named after the unique shape of the Kudremukh peak. Kudremukh situated at 1,894.3 meters above sea level. Kudremukh is rich in iron ore deposits.

KEMMANNUGUNDI
It is a hill station with salubrious climate throughout the year. It starts with the Z point and is 4500 ft above sea level. It has rock and a botanical garden. It is about 55 km from chikkamagaluru and 35 km from Tarikere.

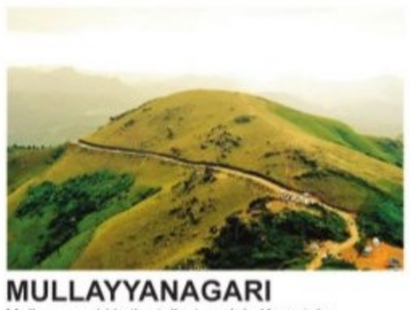
DEVIRAMMA TEMPLE
Deviramma temple was established by a local in honour of Goddess Deviramma. On Deepavali Festival day the place comes alive with thousands of devotees engaged in performing rituals. The temple structure resembling the Kerala style of architecture.

HORANADU
It is about 10 km from Kalasa and has a temple dedicated to Goddess Sri Annapoorneshwari. The accommodation for night stay is available and free food is offered by the temple authorities.

SRINGERI
It is about 100 km from Chikkamagaluru. The sri Sharada Peeta here is supposed to have been established by Adi Shankaracharya the proponent of Advaita Philosophy. Accommodation for overnight stay and free food is offered to the devotees.

BELAVADI
It is situated about 30 km from Chikkamagaluru. It is this place where a triple shrine (Thrikutachala) in which the images of Sri Venugopalaswamy, Narasimhaswamy and Veera Narayanaswamy are housed.

DATTATREYA PEETA
To the north of the city a hill range called Dattatreya Peeta. Dattatreya Peeta is a holy place to both Hindus and Muslims. Annually, Urs for Muslims and Datta Jayanti for Hindus take place with devotion.



MULLAYYANAGARI
Mullayyanagiri is the tallest peak in Karnataka (6317 ft.). They are at a distance of 24 km from Chikkamagaluru. A panoramic view of Chikkamagaluru city and surrounding areas can be enjoyed from Mullayyanagiri peak. It is a trekker's paradise.

MUTHODI FOREST CAMP
Muthodi is the most famous part of Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary. It is 32 km from Chikkamagaluru. Muthodi is a natural forest with a variety of lofty mountains in the neighborhood. There is a nature camp run by forest department.

RAMBHAPURI PEETA
Situated on the western bank of the river Bhadra, this place has the Rambhapuri Peeta, on the the pancha peetas of Veerashaivas. It is about 50 km from Chikkamagaluru. Free accommodations and Dasoha are offered throught the year.

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ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಮಿಷನ್ ಯೋಜನೆ

1. **ನರ್ಸರಿ:** ಖಾಸಗಿ ನರ್ಸರಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡಲು ಶೇ.30ರಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 15 ಲಕ್ಷ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

2. **ಹೊಸ ತೋಟಗಳ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ**

ಅ) ಬಾಳೆ : 2 x 2 ಮೀಟರ್ ಅಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಂದು ಬಾಳೆ ಬೆಳೆದ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 19,500. ಹಾಗೂ 1.8 x 1..8 ಮೀಟರ್ ಅಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದ ಅಂಗಾಂಶ ಕೃಷಿ ಬಾಳೆಗೆ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ.30,600/– ಸಹಾಯಧನವನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಆ) ದಾಳಿಂಬೆ: 5x4 ಮೀಟರ್ ಅಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಳಿಂಬೆ ಬೆಳೆದ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 12,720 ಹಾಗೂ 4x3 ಮೀಟರ್ ಅಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಳಿಂಬೆ ಬೆಳೆದ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 17,040ರಂತೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಇ) ಹೈಬ್ರೀಡ್ ತರಕಾರಿ: ಹೈಬ್ರೀಡ್ ತರಕಾರಿ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ರೂ. 20,000/– ಗಳಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 2.00 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಈ) ಅಪ್ರಧಾನ ಹಣ್ಣುಗಳು : ಡ್ರ್ಯಾಗನ್ ಹಣ್ಣು ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 30,000/– ಗಳಂತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಬೆಣ್ಣೆ ಹಣ್ಣು, ಕೋಕಂ ಮತ್ತು ಹುಣಸೆ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 18,000, ಗಳಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 4.00 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಉ) ಪುಷ್ಪಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ : ಬಿಡಿ ಹೂ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 10000/– ಗಳಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 2.00 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಊ) ಸಾಂಬಾರು ಬೆಳೆಗಳು (ಕಾಳು ಮೆಣಸು, ಜಾಯಿಕಾಯಿ) : ಸಾಂಬಾರು ಬೆಳೆ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 20000/–ಗಳಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 4.00 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಋ) ಕೋಕೋ ಮತ್ತು ಗೇರು ಪ್ರದೇಶ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ : ಕೋಕೋ ಮತ್ತು ಗೇರು ಬೆಳೆ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 12,000/– ಗಳಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 4.00 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಎ) ಸುಗಂಧ ಬೆಳೆಗಳು (ಜಿರಾನಿಯಂ, ಪಚೌಲಿ, ರೋಸ್‌ಮೆರಿ) : ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 40,000/– ಗಳಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 4.00 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

3. **ಕಾಳು ಮೆಣಸು ಪುನಶ್ಚೇತನ :**

ಅ. ಕಾಳು ಮೆಣಸು ಪುನಶ್ಚೇತನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 10,000/– ಮೊತ್ತದ ಕಾಳುಮಣಸು ಗಿಡ ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಕರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

4. **ನೀರಿನ ಮೂಲಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ**

ಅ. ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಕೃಷಿ ಹೊಂಡ/ಸಮುದಾಯ ಕೃಷಿ ಹೊಂಡ: ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಬೆಳೆ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು 20x20x3 ಮೀ ಆಳತೆಯ ಪ್ಲಾಸ್ಟಿಕ್ ಹೊದಿಕೆ/ Concrete lining/Stone pitching ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ನೀರು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ಕೃಷಿ ಹೊಂಡ ಘಟಕ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಶೇ.50 ರಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ.75,000/– ಗಳ ಹಾಗೂ 45x45x3 ಮೀ ಆಳತೆಯ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಕೃಷಿ ಹೊಂಡ ಘಟಕ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 4.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

5. **ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿತ ಬೇಸಾಯ:–**

ಅ) ಪಾಲಿಮನೆ ಘಟಕ: ಉತ್ಕೃಷ್ಟ ಗುಣಮಟ್ಟದ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಬೆಳೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿತ ಬೇಸಾಯ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಬೆಳೆಯಲು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಹಸಿರು ಮನೆ ಘಟಕ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಯೋಜನಾ ವೆಚ್ಚದ ಶೇ.50 ರಷ್ಟು (ಪ್ರತಿ ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 395/– ರಂತೆ) ಸಹಾಯಧನವನ್ನು ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಯಂತೆ ಮಿತಿಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಪ್ರತಿ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 4,000 ಚ.ಮೀ. ವರೆಗೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪಾಲಿಮನೆ ಘಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗೆ 1 ಚ.ಮೀ ಗೆ ರೂ.70 ರಂತೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಆ) ನೆರಳು ಪರದೆ ಘಟಕ: ಯೋಜನಾ ವೆಚ್ಚದ ಶೇ.50 ರಷ್ಟು (ಪ್ರತಿ ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 197/– ರಂತೆ) ಸಹಾಯಧನವನ್ನು ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿಯಂತೆ ಮಿತಿಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಪ್ರತಿ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 4,000 ಚ.ಮೀ.ವರೆಗೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಇ) ಮಲ್ಚಿಂಗ್ (Mulching): ಭೂಮಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೇವಾಂಶವನ್ನು ಕಾಪಾಡಲು ಕಳೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಯಂತ್ರಿಸಲು ವಿವಿಧ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಬೆಳೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸು ಮಾಡಿದ HDPE ನೆಲಹೊದಿಕೆ/ಮಲ್ಚಿಂಗ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರಿಗೆ ಶೇ.50 ರಂತೆ ರೂ.16,000/– ಗಳಂತೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 2.00 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ವರೆಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಈ) ಪಕ್ಷಿ ನಿರೋಧಕ ಬಲೆ : ಹಣ್ಣಿನ ತೋಟದ ಬೆಳೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳಿಂದಾಗುವ ಹಾನಿಯನ್ನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟಲು ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್‌ಗೆ ರೂ. 50,000/–ಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

6. **ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾಂತ್ರೀಕರಣ:**

ಅ. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ರೈತರಿಗೆ 20 ಅಶ್ವಶಕ್ತಿವರೆಗಿನ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವುಳ್ಳ ಮಿನಿ ಟ್ರ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರ್‌ಗೆ ಶೇ. 25 ರಂತೆ ರೂ. 75,000/– ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪ.ಜಾತಿ/ಪ. ಪಂಗಡ, ಸಣ್ಣ ಮತ್ತು ಅತೀ ಸಣ್ಣ ರೈತರು ಹಾಗೂ ರೈತ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ 20 ಅಶ್ವಶಕ್ತಿವರೆಗಿನ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವುಳ್ಳ ಮಿನಿ ಟ್ರ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರ್‌ಗೆ ಶೇ. 33 ರಂತೆ ರೂ. 1,00,000/– ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಆ. ಪ.ಜಾತಿ/ಪ. ಪಂಗಡ, ಸಣ್ಣ ಮತ್ತು ಅತೀ ಸಣ್ಣ ರೈತರಿಗೆ 8 ಅಶ್ವಶಕ್ತಿವರೆಗಿನ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವುಳ್ಳ ಪವರ್ ಟಿಲ್ಲರ್‌ಗೆ ಶೇ. 50 ರಂತೆ ರೂ. 50,000/– ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

7. **ಸಮಗ್ರ ಪೋಷಕಾಂಶ / ಸಮಗ್ರ ಪೀಡೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ :**

ಪೋಷಕಾಂಶ / ರೋಗ ಮತ್ತು ಕೀಟ ನಾಶಕಗಳ ಖರೀದಿಗಾಗಿ ಶೇ.30 ರಂತೆ ರೂ. 1,200/– ಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಧನವನ್ನು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 4 ಹೆ. ವರೆಗೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

8. **ಕೊಯ್ಲೋತ್ತರ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ:**

ಅ) ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ ಹೌಸ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ: ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆ ಆಧಾರಿತ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿದ್ದು ಕೊಯ್ಲು ಮಾಡಿದ ಹಣ್ಣು, ತರಕಾರಿ, ಪುಷ್ಪಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳನ್ನು ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕವಾಗಿ ಎಂಗಡಿಸಿ, ವಿವಿಧ ಪ್ರಕಾರದ ಕಂಟೇನರ್ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ 9x6x3 ಮೀ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ ಹೌಸ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ. 2.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಆ) ಸಮಗ್ರ ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ ಹೌಸ್: ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಬೆಳೆಗಳ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳು ಕಟಾವು ನಂತರ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹಾನಿ ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟಲು ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ಪನ್ನದ ಉಷ್ಣಾಂಶವನ್ನು ಕಡಿಮೆಗೊಳಿಸಿ Cleaning, mechanized washing, grading, sorting, drying, weighing along with conveyer belt system and packingಗೆ ರೂ.17.50 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಧನವನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಇ) ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣಾ ಘಟಕ : ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕಾ ಬೆಳೆಗಳ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣಾ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸುವ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣಾ ಘಟಕಗಳಿಗೆ ಶೇ.40 ರಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಪ್ರತಿ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಈ) ಶೀಥಲ ವಾಹನ ಖರೀದಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ : ಉನ್ನತ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನದ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ವಿಧಾನದಿಂದ ಉತ್ಪಾದಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ರಫ್ತು ಆಧಾರಿತ ಹೂವು ಹಣ್ಣು ತರಕಾರಿಗಳ ರಫ್ತಿಗಾಗಿ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಸುಸಜ್ಜಿತವಾದ ವಾಹನವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ರೂ. 9.10 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಧನವನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಉ) ಈರುಳ್ಳಿ ಶೇಖರಣಾ ಘಟಕ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ : ಈರುಳ್ಳಿ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಈರುಳ್ಳಿ ಶೇಖರಣಾ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಶೇ.50 ರಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 87,500/– ರಂತೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಈ) ಸೋಲಾರ್ ಟನಲ್ ಡ್ರೈಯರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ: ವಿವಿಧ ತರಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಣ್ಣಿನ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳನ್ನು ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕವಾಗಿ ಒಣಗಿಸಿ ಮೌಲ್ಯವರ್ಧನೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವಂತೆ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಸೋಲಾರ್ ಟನಲ್ ಡ್ರೈಯರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇ. 50 ರಂತೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 2,87,500/– ರಂತೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಊ) ಹಣ್ಣು ಮಾಗಿಸುವ ಘಟಕ : ಪ್ರತಿ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಟನ್‌ಗೆ ಶೇ. 35 ರಂತೆ ರೂ. 35,000/–ಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಧನವನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು

9. **ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ:**

ಅ) ಸಂಚಾರಿ ತಳ್ಳುವ ಗಾಡಿ : ತಾಜಾ ಹಣ್ಣು, ತರಕಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯವಾಗಿ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಸಹಕಾರವಾಗುವಂತೆ ತಳ್ಳುವ ಗಾಡಿಯನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಶೇ.50ರಂತೆ ರೂ.15,000/– ಧನ ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

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